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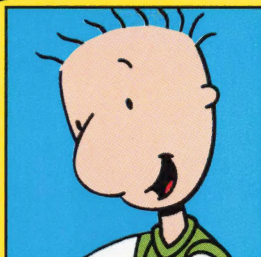
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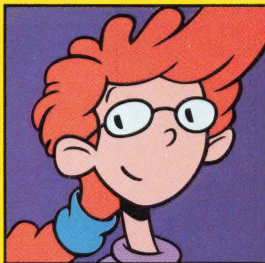
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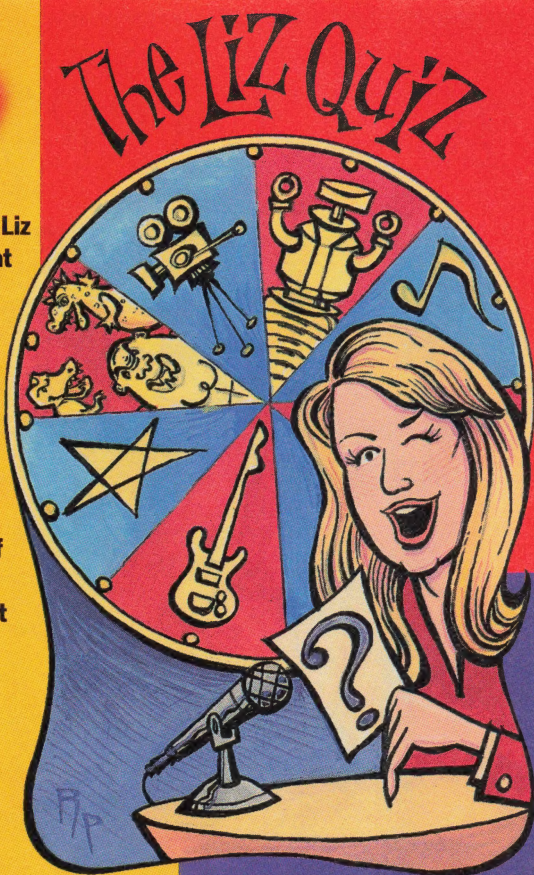
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Our entertainment editor, Liz Smith, has the best job at D.A.: She gets to meet stars, hang out on movie sets and hear the best gossip before everyone else! Hundreds of readers have written to ask about getting her job. If you think you could fill her shoes some day, try taking the Liz Quiz (answers at the bottom of the page). And check out her special inside Hollywood report on page 42.

The Liz Quiz

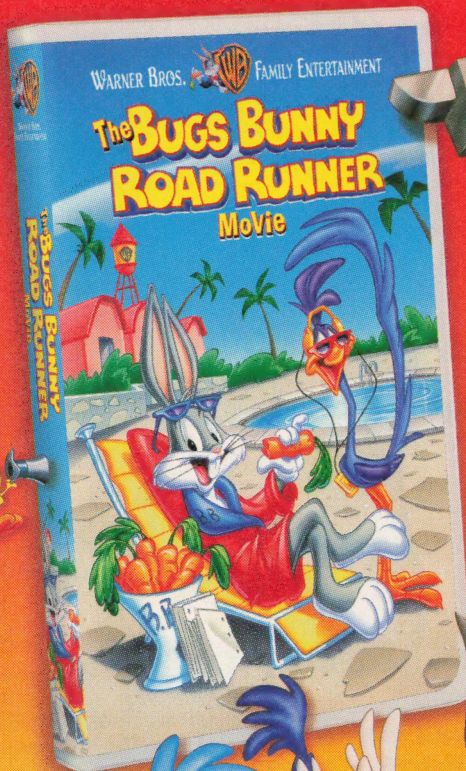
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2. A big monster will stomp into theaters on Memorial Day weekend. Is it a) a *T. rex*, b) King Kong or c) Godzilla?
3. Joshua Jackson stars on the TV show "Dawson's Creek." What movies did he star in that also involved water? (Hint: It was frozen water.)
4. When singing Hanson's huge hit "MMMBop," how many seconds do you hold the MMM?



Answers:
 1. Lacey Chabert, "Party of Five"
 2. c) Godzilla
 3. The Mighty Ducks 1, 2 and 3
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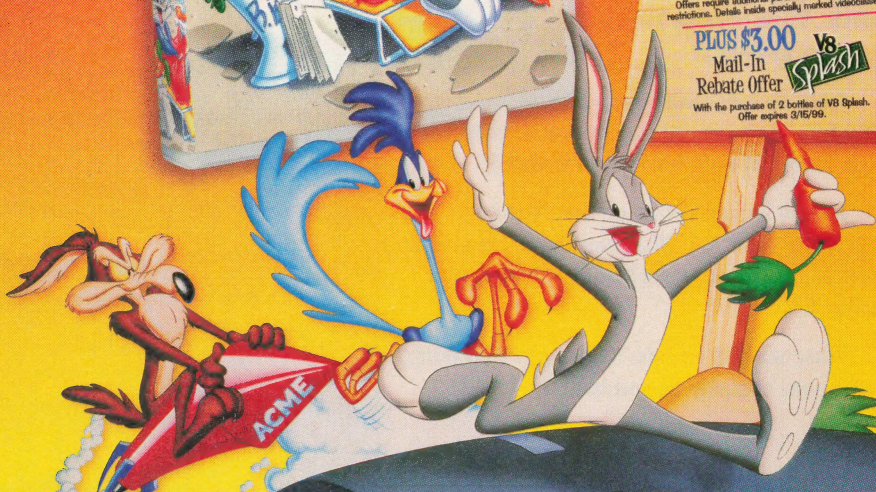
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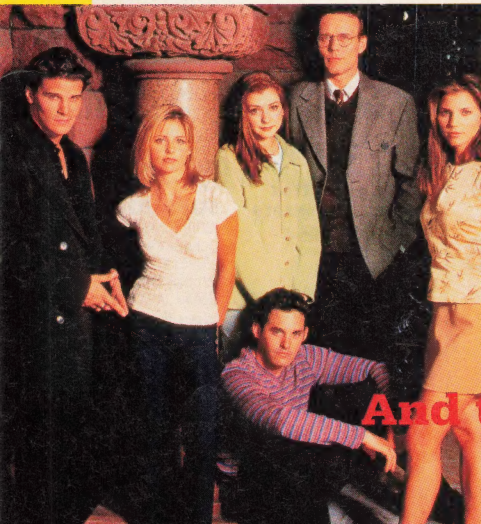
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Star Dinner Dates

We asked our readers to name a celebrity they'd like to eat dinner with and what they'd eat. Bring your table manners!

"I like *Star Wars*, so it would probably be Mark Hamill. I would eat pizza, pasta or steak. Maybe I would invite Harrison Ford or Carrie Fisher over to watch the trilogy after dinner."

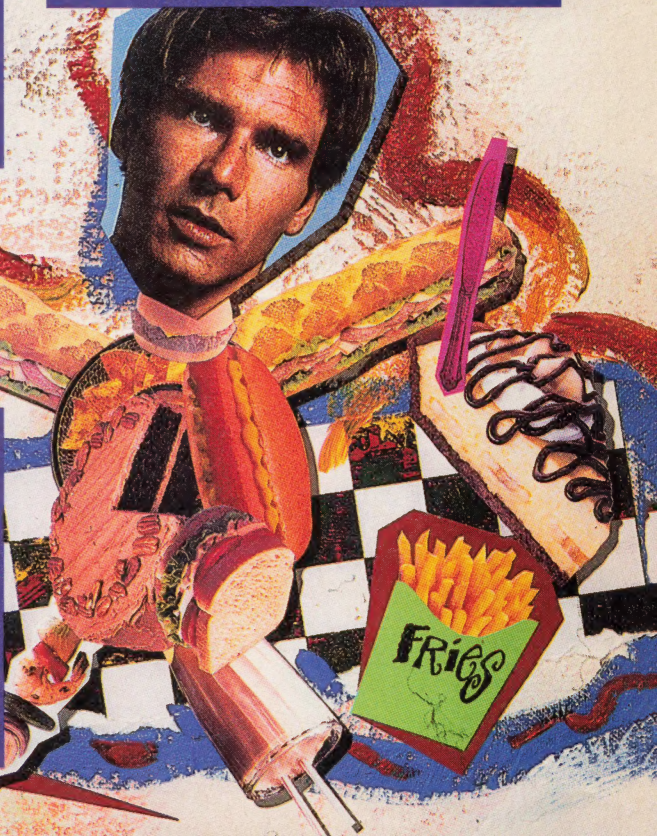
—Charles Pike, 14, Bowie, Arizona

"It would have to be LeAnn Rimes, because she's my favorite singer. I don't know what we would eat—but she seems like a cheeseburger type to me!"

—Matthew McConnell, 14, Heath, Ohio

"I'd have dinner with either Will Smith, Kenan Thompson or Kel Mitchell. We'd eat all the fast food we could, not to mention every ice cream flavor there is, and watch movies all night."

—Derek Scott McGrath, 13, Wilton Manors, Florida



"It would definitely be Rosie O'Donnell. She's got my dream house. It's filled with tons of toys. We'd eat Ring-Dings—I wouldn't mind eating junk food as dinner for a change!"

—Maureen O'Brien, 13,
Muskegon, Michigan

"I'd eat at Jim Carrey's house because he is my favorite actor. We'd have guano, which is bat poop, because that's what he ate in *Ace Ventura 2*."

—Jenna Clark, 13, Mount Laurel, New Jersey

Oops! We Goofed

In the January issue we said the Baby Ruth candy bar was named for baseball player Babe Ruth. It was named for President Cleveland's daughter, Ruth, who was known as "Baby Ruth."

Write to Us!

We want to know what you think of this issue. Tell us what you've been doing lately, or write about this month's topic: If you could make something or someone disappear, what or who would it be? Why?

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HOT LIST

Each month, a different class reports on what's in and out. This month's judging panel: Ms. Allen's seventh-grade class at **South Cumberland Elementary School** in Crossville, Tennessee.

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platform shoes
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lizards, dogs

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rabbits, cats

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D.A. Slang

Bammer. Bad. "What a bammer move! Our teacher is giving the test the day we get back from spring break."

Bootsie. Something really lame. "The bowling alley downtown is bootsie. Let's hit the mall instead."

Flood moment. A lapse in concentration. "Can you repeat that? I was having a flood moment."



Top Dogs

We sniffed out the top five favorite dog names in the U.S. listed in *The Top Ten of Everything* 1997. Here they are, from most popular to leashed, er, least:

1. Max
2. Lady
3. Jake
4. Sam and Molly (tied)

Cosmic Vacations



Lucky Traveler's Tip

The best place for your barf bag on a zero-g flight?
In a chest pocket, sticking out a bit with the top open.

The urge to purge comes quickly, and you
definitely want to be prepared.

Take a hair-raising, stomach-churning trip—and we're not talking about haunted houses or roller coasters. A company called Space Adventures currently offers zero-gravity flights in Moscow aboard an IL-76, a Russian transport jet. Similar trips will be offered in the United States by the end of the summer. (Warning: Weightlessness can make you queasy.) In three to five years, you'll be able to take suborbital flights to the edge of space. By traveling more than 62 miles above the earth, you earn the right to wear astronaut wings. But start saving your allowance—zero-gravity flights cost \$5,500 and suborbital trips will cost about \$75,000!

MARCH 1998

sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
 7 X-tremely smart Agent David Duchovny turns 38.	 1 Nebraska became the 37th state in 1867.	 2 National Professional Pet Sitters Week	 3 "The Star-Spangled Banner" was adopted as our national anthem in 1931.	 4 This month: lots and lots of basketball games!	 5 England's Crafts Dog Show—the most important dog show in the world—decides which pooch is top dog!	 6 Happy 26th B-day to the Shaq-man.
14 1860: Baseball caps were invented.	 15 Go Nuts Over Texas Peanuts Week	9 More than 800 million Barbie dolls have been sold since her debut in 1959.	10 The first paper money was issued on this date in 1862.	 11 Has the weather been more lion than lamb?	12 Lunar eclipse	13 Rattlesnake Roundup in Sweetwater, Texas
21 Talk show favorite Rosie O'Donnell turns 36!	22 Hope William Shatner (Captain Kirk of "Star Trek") has an out-of-this-world 67th B-day.	16 It's the 72nd anniversary of the first liquid-fuel-powered rocket flight. Blast off!	17 St. Patrick's Day	 18 National Sports Trivia Week	19 Absolutely Incredible Kid Day	20 Spring has sprung!
28 NCAA Men's Basketball Final Four weekend begins in San Antonio, Texas.	29 Snag a lounge chair and pretend you're on a tropical island during Straw Hat Week.	23 1989: A huge asteroid came within 500,000 miles of Earth—a very close call, according to NASA.	 24 National Quarter Awareness Week	25 Reginald Kenneth Dwight (Elton John) turns 51.	26 Make Up Your Own Holiday Day	 27 Sing Happy 28th Birthday to Mariah Carey.

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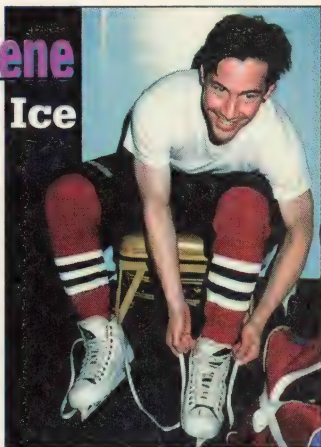
Wanna star watch during the winter? Check out these cool celebs on skates:

Speed-y goalie Keanu Reeves laces up his skates before jumping in net for the **Celebrity All-Stars**. ▶

Andrew Keegan ("Party of Five") goes for a spin around the rink at Rockefeller Center in New York City. Brrrrrrrr! ▶

◀ **Cindy Crawford** tries to go from supermodel to superskater in one race around the rink!

Scott Wolf ("Party of Five") goes on puck patrol before the start of a charity hockey game featuring his team, the **Celebrity All-Stars**. ▶



NameDropping

Gossip, Gossip, Gossip

Where in the world is **Sandra Bullock**? She's been out of sight since *Speed 2*. But now word has it Sandra might

star as a superspy in the live-action version of TV's

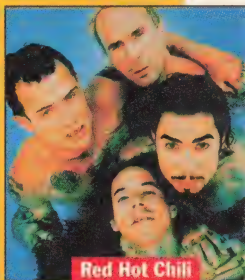
"Where in the World Is Carmen

Sandiego?" Hope she knows her geography....**Red Hot Chili Peppers** bassist

Flea should brush up on his map-reading skills too! He just signed to do the voice of a kid on "The Wild Thornberrys," a new animated Nickelodeon show about a nutty family that travels the world making documentaries....

Claire Danes (*William Shakespeare's Romeo & Juliet*) hits the books at Yale University in New Haven, Connecticut, this fall. But don't worry, Claire isn't quitting her day job—just slowing down. She'll

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Red Hot Chili Peppers

On The Scene: Gregg DeGuire/GQ/London Features (top); David Allocca/DML (center); ©Nick Elgar/London Features (bottom left); Miranda Shen/Celebrity Photo (bottom right); Name Dropping: ©Nels Van Beren/Netina.

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still make movies on her summer breaks....

Melissa Joan Hart ("Sabrina, the Teenage Witch") and



Melissa Joan Hart

Jennifer Love Hewitt ("Party of Five") hit the big screen together this summer

in *The Party*, a flick about a bunch of soon to be high school grads...The makers of "**Hercules: The Legendary Journeys**" and "**Xena: Warrior Princess**" are creating shows with young warrior heroes. "**Young Hercules**" will



Xena

feature a teen Herc, while "**Amazon High**" will focus on a teen Xena.

All wannabe Xenas should practice their yi-yi-yi-yi!

New Releases Coming This Month

In Theaters

Krippendorf's Tribe

Richard Dreyfuss (Mr. Holland's *Opus*) plays a stressed-out anthropologist in danger of losing his job. So he invents a fake tribe from New Guinea, named the Shelmikedmu after his kids Shelly, Mikey and Edmund.



Krippendorf's Tribe

then changes his mind and must surf the galaxy to find his home. (Fox)

On TV

"Ned's Newt"

Follow the adventures of Ned, a boy, and Newton, a 500-pound newt. (Fox)

"Silver Surfer"

Norrin Radd offers to serve the evil Galactus in exchange for his planet's safety,



Silver Surfer

"Steven Spielberg Presents Toonsylvania"

Igor and his monster pal Phil host this cartoon variety show that pokes fun at bad movies and features twisted fairy tales. (Fox)

Mystery Mania!

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—Joan Lowery Nixon

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Animal Actors

Couch potatoes, perk up! Think you know every member of TV's popular shows? Then match these pets to their TV show homes:



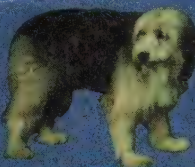
1. Duck and chick



2. Thurber



3. Comet



4. Tiger



5. Wolf



6. Salem



a. "Dr. Quinn, Medicine Woman"



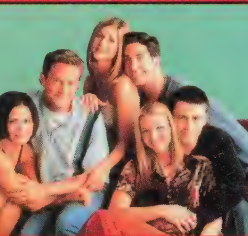
b. "Party of Five"



c. "The Brady Bunch"



d. "Full House"



e. "Friends"



f. "Sabrina, the Teenage Witch"

Answers: 1) e; 2) b; 3) c; 4) d; 5) a; 6) f

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By Deborah Barnes

Drumming Up Talent

To start a band, you and some friends would probably write songs, jam in the garage and dream of getting discovered by a music bigwig. But some famous groups came together in a different way. Here's a look at some famous handpicked bands.

The Monkees

THEIR START: In the mid-1960s, TV executives decided to ride the Beatlemania wave (using the four-guys-with-shaggy-haircuts approach) by creating a program about a popular band.

THE INSIDE STORY: On their debut album, *The Monkees*, the guys didn't even play the instruments they held—they just sang. Fans didn't care, though. That album and the follow-up, *More of the Monkees*, were the two biggest-selling albums of 1967. Hits like "I'm a Believer" and "Last Train to Clarksville" climbed to No. 1 on the charts.

What happened: The band called it quits in 1969 when TV ratings and record sales cooled. In the mid-1980s the Monkees became cool again thanks to TV reruns.

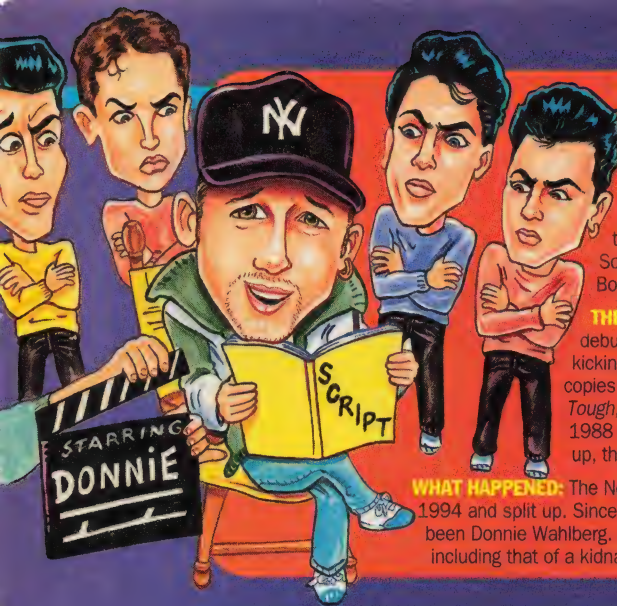
Milli Vanilli

THEIR START: A producer with a bunch of danceable pop ditties found two made-for-MTV guys with smooth moves to lip-synch his tunes.

THE INSIDE STORY: When Milli Vanilli hit the top of the charts in 1989 with hits like "Blame It on the Rain" and "Baby Don't Forget My Number," no one knew that the rapping/singing duo was faking it. Their hit-packed album, *Girl You Know It's True*, sold millions of copies and won a Grammy for Best New Artist.

WHAT HAPPENED: They eventually fessed up to the fakery and had to give back the Grammy, making Milli Vanilli the most infamous group of the 1980s.





New Kids on the Block

THEIR START: After turning New Edition into a huge success, producer Maurice Starr figured it would be easy to create another chart-topping group. So he recruited five boy singers from Boston to form New Kids on the Block.

THE INSIDE STORY: The group's 1986 debut, *New Kids on the Block*, went platinum, kicking off New Kid-mania. They sold 8 million copies of their second album, 1988's *Hangin' Tough*, and had a string of chart-topping hits in 1988 and 1989. But as their audience grew up, the group sold fewer records.

WHAT HAPPENED: The New Kids released their last album in 1994 and split up. Since then, the most visible former Kid has been Donnie Wahlberg. He's nabbed some acting roles—including that of a kidnapper in the hit movie *Ransom*.

Spice Girls

THEIR START: It's worked with guys, so why not try girl power? In March 1994, tons of girls answered an ad in a British newspaper that said: "R.U. 18-23 with the ability to sing/dance?"

THE INSIDE STORY: Managers picked Geri Halliwell, Mel Chisholm, Mel Brown and Victoria Adams to form the group Touch.

Later Emma Bunton joined the bunch, and they became the Spice Girls.

WHAT'S HAPPENING: As one of 1997's biggest music success stories, the Spice Girls topped singles charts around the world with "Wannabe" and sold millions of their album, *Spice*. Now fans are going crazy for their latest album (*Spice World*), movie (*Spice World*) and upcoming world tour.



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Jaime Torres Jr., 12, Burbank, California

Dear Jaime,
Sarah Michelle Gellar, 20, must have known that she'd be kicking vampire butt one day: She has studied Tae Kwon Do since she was 9 years old! She trains in kick boxing, Tae Kwon Do and gymnastics with the TV show's stunt coordinator. She also likes in-line skating, hiking, hanging with friends and going to the movies. And, she'd love to write children's stories one day—Dr. Seuss is her idol.

Dear Liz,
Why does Wilson, Tim Allen's neighbor on "Home Improvement," always have the bottom part of his face covered?

Marjorie Pierre, 11, West Palm Beach, Florida

Dear Marjorie,
Tim Allen is the funnyman responsible for coming up with the idea to cover Wilson's face every week on "Home Improvement." He thought it would be a funny joke, and he was right—they've been doing it for seven years now!

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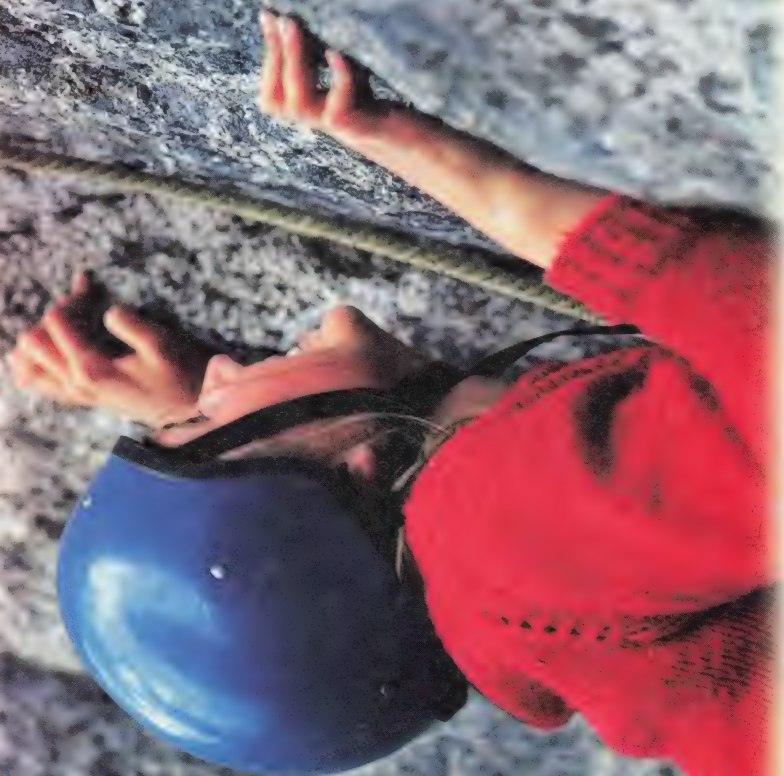


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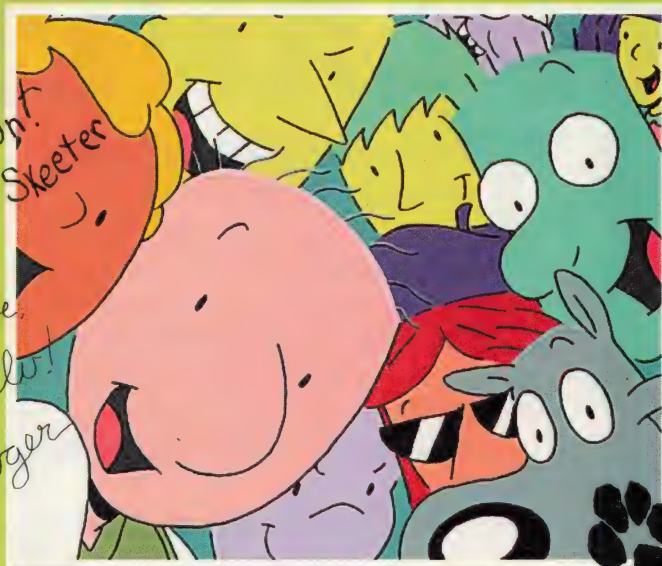
They can get **blown up** by dynamite a thousand times, **survive** in outer space, or be crushed by a one-ton anvil and come bouncing back for more. They're the **toons**. From **Tommy Pickles** and **Bart Simpson** to **Mickey Mouse** and **Bugs Bunny**, they've given us some of the **biggest laughs** of all time.

So D.A. decided to **tune in** on the **toons**. We'll get inside the heads of this year's class of **cool cartoon kids**, meet the greatest characters of all time, and give you the **scoop** on how to begin making your own animated films. **Wanna get loony?**

Just turn the page!

COOLEST CA

D.A. put together this special yearbook for 1998's coolest cartoon kids. Check out their school photos, what they have to say about themselves—and what their friends say about them!



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Douglas Yancey Funnie

Age: 12

Hometown: Bluffington

Motto: Man, the things a guy has to go through to keep from being a loser!

My goal in life: Kiss Patti Mayonnaise...and be a cartoonist.

Last great achievement: Changing Dirtbike's diaper

Favorite food: A chocolate shake and tater twisties from Swirleys

Least favorite vegetable: Beets

Favorite cartoon character: Man o' Steelman

Favorite daydream: That Patti thinks I'm wonderful

What's always in my back pack: My journal and a No. 2 drawing pencil

Dear Doug,

You're a great buddy!

Your friend,

Patti

Angela,

2 together

4 ever!

ages. Wrong Yearbook.

RTOON KIDS

Bobby Hill

Age: 12

Hometown: Arlen, Texas

Motto: Anything you can do, I can try to do better.

My goal in life: Be just like my dad, Hank Hill.

Last great achievement:

Second place in the father-son shootout. Hopefully, next year we can get second again.

Most embarrassing

moment: The time at the water park when I got a wedgie from the slide and my dad had to help me out. That might have been my dad's most embarrassing time, too.

Favorite outfit:

Fresh underwear, right out of the dryer

Least favorite vegetable:

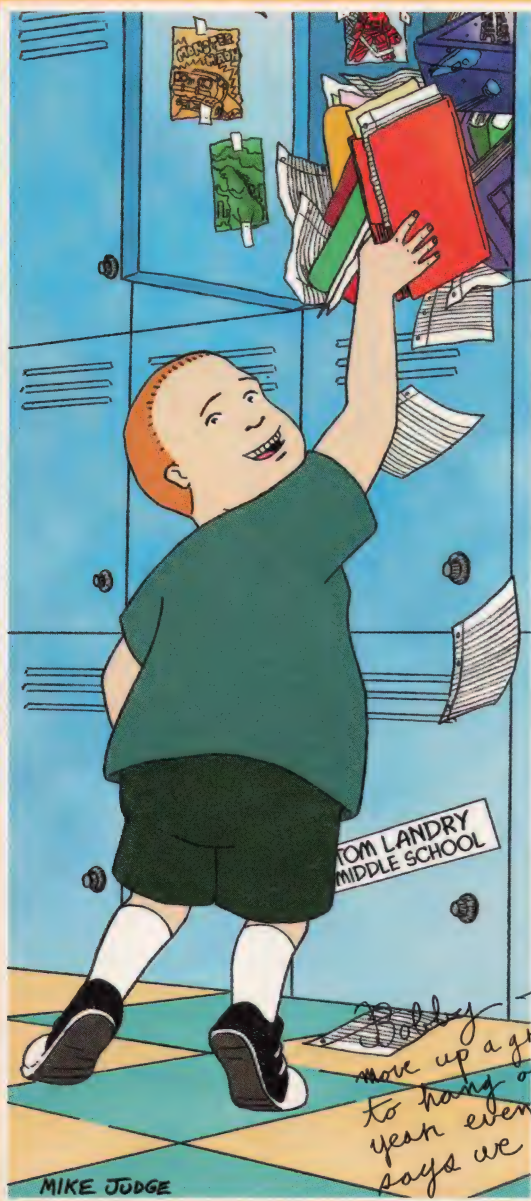
I don't think we get them yet in Arlen.

Favorite subject in

school: The Dallas Cowboys

Favorite amusement park

ride: The Rotor, because you go around, and around, and around again, oh, I think I'm gonna be sick.



I hope you
move up a grade so we get
to hang out more next
year even though my dad
says we shouldn't.

— Connie

P. Ann -
Good luck in Summer School!
- Alice Kane



Pepper Ann Pearson,
o.a.o. (one and only)

Age: 12

Hometown: Hazelnut on the Hazelnut River

Motto: Listen to your heart. If that doesn't work, listen to Flaming Snot's 16th album, "Steel Belted Radios."

The movie that best describes my life: *Sixteen Candles*. But with me there'd be only 12.

My goal in life: Become a world-famous

scientist so my school will have to name the cafeteria after me and fly me in to speak at a special assembly they'll hold in my honor where they'll unveil a totally rad statue of me sending one of my old teachers to detention.

Last great achievement: Not biting my nails for a whole week

Most embarrassing moment: Falling on Craig Bean (an eighth grader!) during the balcony scene of *Romeo and Juliet*

Least favorite vegetable: Radish medley

p.a.
is it fishstick day?
m.k.



Tommy Pickles, as told to D.A.

(He can't write yet,
because he's only 1!)

Age: 1

Hometown: Near you!

Motto: A baby's gotta do
what a baby's gotta do!

Last book read: I kinda
read a book once but it
only had pictures in it.

My goal in life: Be 2.

**Most embarrassing
moment:** When I figured
out that the baby in the
mirror was me!

Favorite outfit: Just one
thing—a dry diaper!

Favorite food: Stuff
that's mushy.

**Favorite cartoon
character:** Reptar

**Favorite subject in
school:** I won't know for
sure till I get there, but I
bet it's gonna be
naptime!

**What's always in my
back pack:** Extra diapers,
'cause a baby needs to
be prepared.





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Bartholomew J. Simpson

Age: 10

Hometown: Springfield

Motto: Keep your friends close and your enemies' lunch money.

Last great achievement: Being named "Underachiever of the Year"

Favorite food: Anything with nougat
If I ruled the world, I would:

Accelerate the pace of global deforestation. Oh, and force everyone to speak that Bushman clicking language.

Favorite daydream: I'm the dean of Flame-thrower Academy.

Favorite subject in school: Tetherball

The one toy I never put away: My Krusty the Klown Frosting Catapult

Favorite amusement park ride: The Tooth Chipper

*Bart
We all can't wait
to see you graduate
from this school.
Ms. Krabappel*

Good luck with
your "hair" this
summer.
Ashley A.



Spinelli (Just Spinelli, understand?)

Age: 10

Hometown: Right here, pal.

Motto: If it ain't broke, break it!

The movie that best describes my life:
Terminator 2

My goal in life: Become an ace fighter pilot.

Favorite food:
Chocolate-covered corn dogs

The biggest secret that no one knows about me: And if I told you about it, it wouldn't be a secret anymore, would it?

If I ruled the world, I would: Make recess last all day.

The one toy I never put away: My Rock 'em Sock 'em Robots!

Favorite amusement park ride: The Vomit Comet

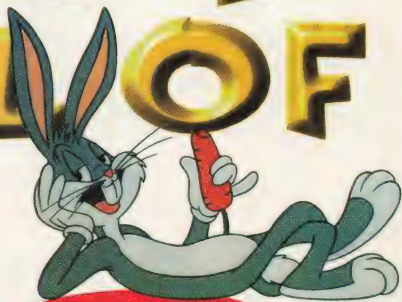
Thanks for laying off the
gum under the desk routine.

I'm telling!
RANDALL

Your new pal,
Hank the Janitor

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Cartoon experts
pick the greatest
animated stars
of all time.



Bugs Bunny

Debut: "A Wild Hare," 1940

Notable Quote: "Eh, what's up, Doc?"

Claim to Fame: Quite simply, the coolest cartoon character of all.

Toon Tidbit: Mel Blanc, who created Bugs's voice, hated carrots! Whenever he was supposed to eat carrots, he would chew them and then spit them out.

Betty Boop

Debut: "Dizzy Dishes," 1930

Notable

Quote: "Boop-boop-a-doop!"

Claim to

Fame: The first and greatest female cartoon superstar.

Toon Tidbit:

Betty started her animated life as a dog. Her dog ears eventually became earrings and her black dog nose turned into a human nose.



Cruella De Vil

Debut: 101 Dalmatians, 1961

Notable Quote: "You idiots... you fools!"

Claim to Fame: The meanest, the nastiest, the most fun to hate.

Toon Tidbit: Animator Marc Davis partly based Cruella on a bad-tempered fashion designer he knew.

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TOON FAME

By Jim Korkis



Daffy Duck

Debut: "Porky's Duck Hunt," 1937

Notable Quote: "You're dethpicable!"

Claim to Fame: His rivalry with Bugs has provided some of toondom's greatest moments.

Toon Tidbit: Daffy's role as Duck Dodgers captured the imagination of director George Lucas, who ran a Daffy cartoon before *Star Wars*.

Donald Duck

Debut: "The Wise Little Hen," 1934

Notable

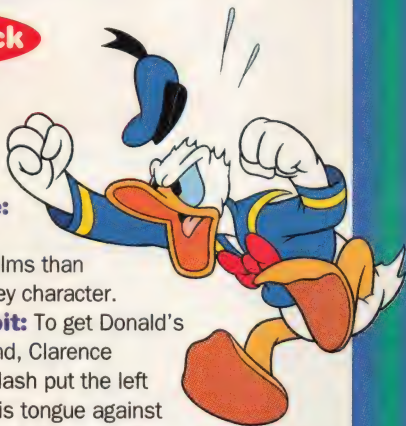
Quote: "Wauk!"

Claim to Fame:

Has appeared in more animated films than any other Disney character.

Toon Tidbit: To get Donald's wacky sound, Clarence

"Ducky" Nash put the left side of his tongue against his upper left molars, formed a pocket of air high in his left cheek and tried to talk like a duck.



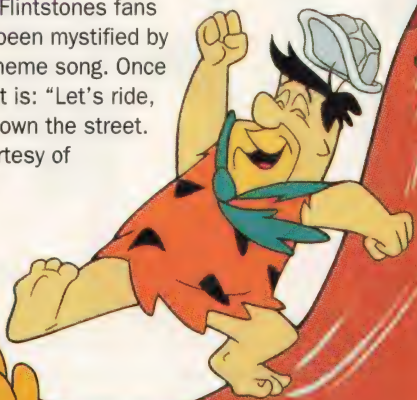
Fred Flintstone

Debut: "The Flintstones," 1960

Notable Quote: "Yabba-Dabba-Doo!"

Claim to Fame: The most likable
toon.

Toon Tidbit: Flintstones fans
have frequently been mystified by
one line in the theme song. Once
and for all here it is: "Let's ride,
with the family down the street.
Through the courtesy of
Fred's two feet."



Mickey Mouse

Debut: "Steamboat Willie," 1928

Notable quote: "Ha! Ha!
Gosh!"

Claim to Fame:

Put simply,
Mickey is the
most recognized
character on earth.

Toon Tidbit: In
1978, Mickey
became the first
toon to get a star
on Hollywood's Walk
of Fame.



Homer Simpson

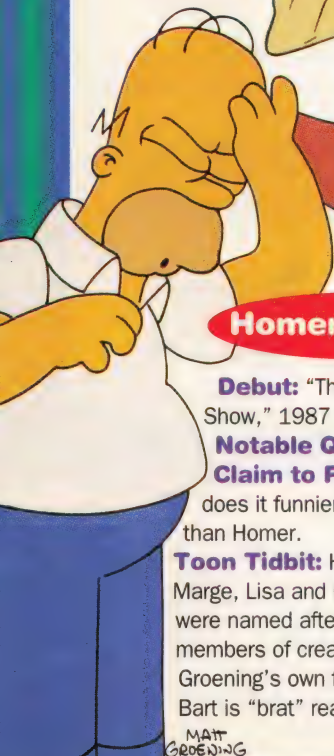
Debut: "The Tracey Ullman
Show," 1987

Notable Quote: "D'oh!"

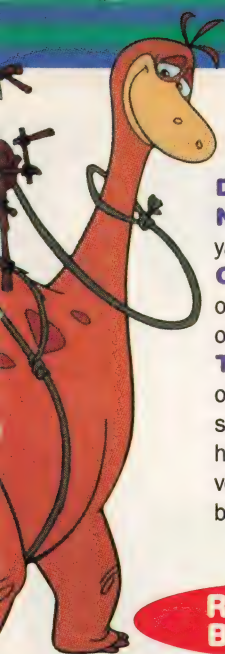
Claim to Fame: Nobody
does it funnier or stupider
than Homer.

Toon Tidbit: Homer,
Marge, Lisa and Maggie
were named after
members of creator Matt
Groening's own family.
Bart is "brat" rearranged.

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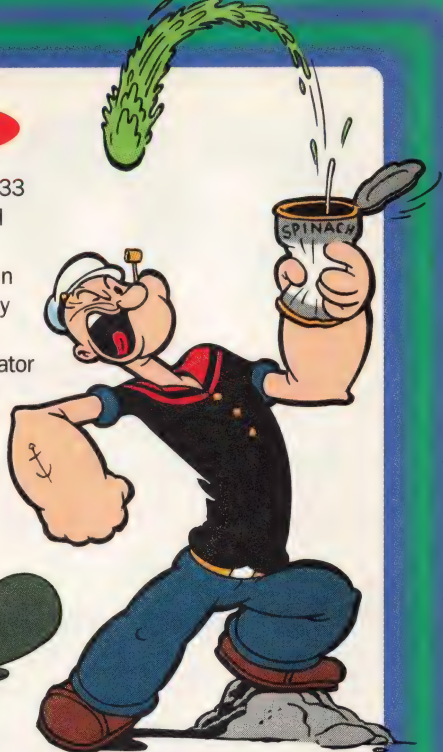
Popeye

Debut: "Popeye the Sailor," 1933

Notable Quote: "I yam what I yam!"

Claim to Fame: Has starred in over 400 cartoons, more than any other Hall of Fame toon.

Toon Tidbit: Jack Mercer, creator of Popeye's voice, actually hated spinach. But he liked hamburgers, so he also did the voice of Wimpy, Popeye's burger-loving chum.



Rocky and Bullwinkle

Debut: "Rocky and His Friends," 1959

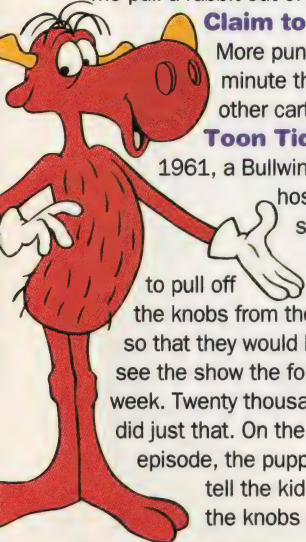
Notable Quote: "Watch me pull a rabbit out of this hat!"

Claim to Fame:

More puns per minute than any other cartoon.

Toon Tidbit: In 1961, a Bullwinkle puppet hosted the show and told kids

to pull off the knobs from their TV sets so that they would be sure to see the show the following week. Twenty thousands kids did just that. On the next episode, the puppet had to tell the kids to glue the knobs back on!



THE PANEL

Joe Barbera, co-creator of "Tom and Jerry," "Scooby-Doo" and "The Flintstones."

Paul Dini, producer of "Batman: the Animated Series" and "Superman: The Animated Series."

June Foray, the voice of Rocket J. Squirrel, Granny (*Space Jam*) and countless other characters.

Bill Hanna, co-creator of "Tom and Jerry," "Scooby-Doo" and "The Flintstones."

Jim Jinkins, creator of "Doug."

Glen Keane, the lead animator of *Aladdin*, *Pocahontas* and the upcoming *Tarzan*.

Stan Lee, creator of the X-Men and Spider-Man.

Henry Selick, director, *The Nightmare Before Christmas* and *James and the Giant Peach*.

Scott Shaw, animator on "The Flintstones," "Muppet Babies" and "Dexter's Laboratory."

Tad Stones, director of *Aladdin* and *The King of Thieves*.

Alex Toth, creator of *Space Ghost*.

TOONI

By Kim Lockhart

Bart Simpson,
Buzz Lightyear and
Bugs Bunny all
started as simple
line **drawings**.
But it takes
thousands of
drawings to
bring a **toon** to
life. We asked
some of today's
hottest cartoon
creators for their
tips on how to
become an **ace**
animator.



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ING UP



1

Observe the world around you.

Look for the antics that make one dog, cat or person more entertaining to watch than the others, say longtime Disney animators Frank Thomas and Ollie Johnston. Draw everything you see, including the details of how people look and act.

2

Take art classes.

A life drawing class where you can sketch a real person is a great way to learn how to make characters move. "Learn to draw from the inside out," says animator Glen Keane (*Aladdin*, *Pocahontas* and the upcoming *Tarzan*). "My dad gave me a book on anatomy when I was 9 years old." Knowing all about bones and muscles helped Glen understand motion and how to capture it in animation.

3

Keep a daily sketchbook.

Don't be afraid to doodle. As an exercise, Glen Keane suggests picking the best drawings in your sketchbook, putting them above your drawing desk and trying to top them. "It's like raising the bar for the high jump. You'll see your drawings get better and better."

4

Make flip books.

"I made a lot of flip books as a kid," says Genndy Tartakovsky ("Dexter's Laboratory"). "It helped with my understanding of movement and timing." He suggests drawing images on Post-it notepads and making them flip.

5

Draw! Draw! Draw!

"Draw anything," says Chuck Jones, the animator behind Bugs Bunny and friends. "Draw your hand. A teacher once said, 'Each of you has 100,000 bad drawings in you and the sooner you get them out, the better off we'll all be!'"



Coollest Toon Schools

Want to get animated?

Check out these animation workshops created especially for kids.



Long Island Children's Museum, Garden City, New York

What it is: Interactive animation exhibits plus informal workshops.

Phone: (516) 222-0207.

Web: www.516web.com/museum/licm.htm

Mark Taper Center/Inner-City Arts, Los Angeles, California

What it is: Year-round workshops given on Saturdays for area teens; on weekdays, workshops are given in area elementary schools.

Phone: (213) 627-9621

Art & Animation Station, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

What it is: A summer camp and after-school program for kids 7 to 17.

Phone: (888) DRAW ME 1.

Web: www.artandanimation.com

Capital Children's Museum, Washington, D.C.

What it is: Short animation and Claymation workshops through the year for kids 8 and older.

Phone: (202) 675-4149.

Web: www.ccm.org

Northwest Film Center, Portland Art Museum, Portland, Oregon

What it is: Weekend animation workshops are held year round; workshops are weeklong in the summer and on holiday breaks.

Phone: (503) 221-1156

Web: www.nwfilm.org

Chicago International Children's Film Festival, Chicago, Illinois

What it is: A two-week summer program for middle school kids.

Phone: (773) 281-9075

Single-Frame Studio, Norwich, Vermont

What it is: A six-week course in the spring and fall.

Phone: (802) 649-1081

Disney Institute at Walt Disney World, Lake Buena Vista, Florida

What it is: Year-round workshops where kids 10 and older can create their own films in two hours.

Phone: (800) 496-6337

Web: www.disneyinstitute.com

Young Animators, Boston, Massachusetts

What it is: A five-week workshop for elementary, middle and high school students.

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—Kathleen Berger

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By Deborah Barnes

Toon In To Your Family

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QUIZ

Does your family seem to belong in a cartoon? Turn the page and take our quiz to find out if your family is more like the Flintstones, the Simpsons or the Jetsons!

"D'oh!"



A normal family...or is it?

For each question, choose the answer that sounds closest to your own clan.

1. Your mom's hair is

- a. stiff and short. (3)
- b. stiff and piled high with a bonelike barrette. (1)
- c. stiff and piled very, very high. (2)

2. Your dad is

- a. fat, hot-tempered and a little lazy—he slacks off a bit at work. (1)
- b. slim, hot-tempered and a little lazy—he catches naps at work. (3)
- c. fat, hot-tempered and majorly lazy—he wakes up for lunch and quittin' time. (2)

3. Sibling situation:

- a. My brother/sister is a space-age brainiac. (3)
- b. My brother/sister is a preteen maniac. (2)
- c. No sibs, but the club-carrying kid next door is practically family. (1)

4. How well do you understand your dog when he speaks?

- a. Not at all, really—he just yaps in dog language. (2)
- b. Quite a bit, actually—he speaks English, but has a

"Jane, stop this crazy thing!"



"Yabba-Dabba-Doo!"



curious habit of starting every word with an R. (3)

c. Dog? I have a pet dinosaur, thank you very much. (1)

5. The family car

a. is small, but it flies. (3)

b. needs engine work. (2)

c. needs an engine. (1)

6. Favorite family activity:

a. a drive-in movie. (1)

b. a fly-in restaurant. (3)

c. sweet, blessed TV. (2)

7. An obvious sign that your dad is no rocket scientist:

a. He takes the dog for a walk on the treadmill and the dog drags him so fast he can't stop. (3)

b. He gets locked out of the house by the cat. (1)

c. Just one sign? Are you kidding?! (2)

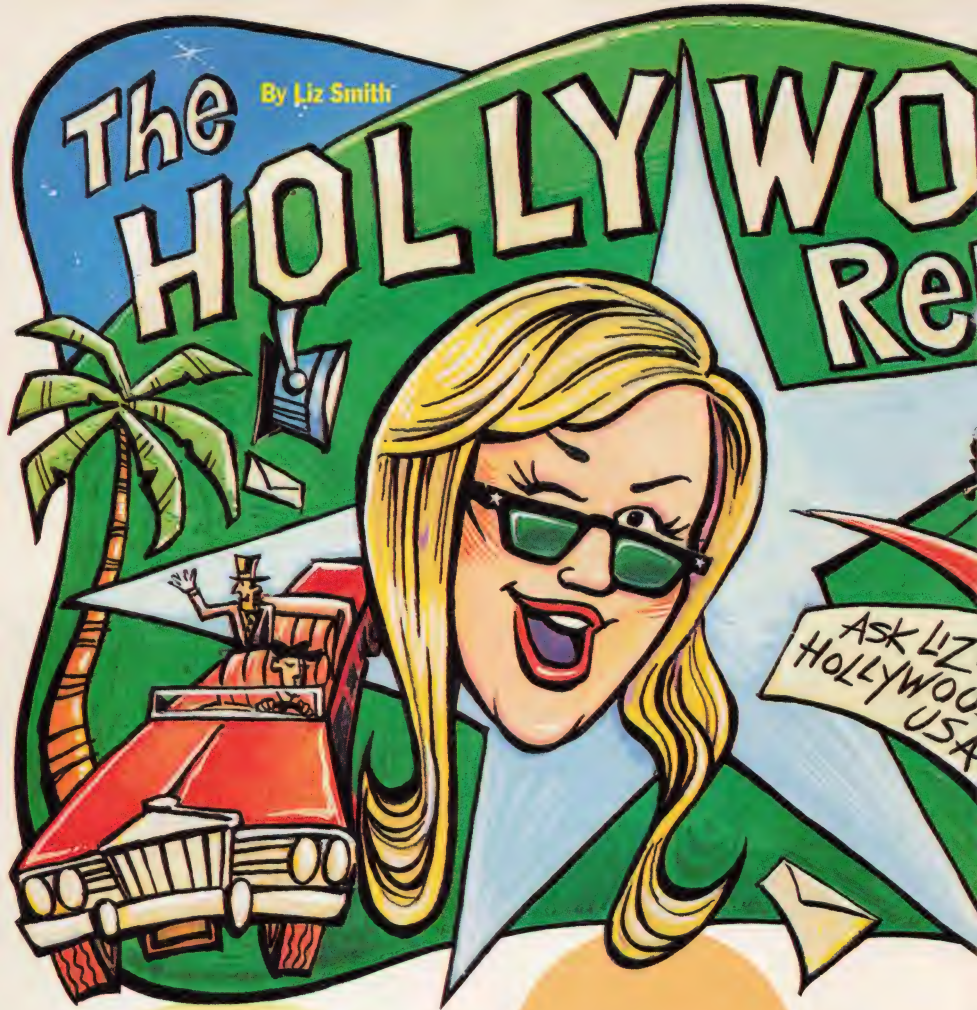
SCORE

Add up the points next to each answer to find your animated kin.

7-11 points: You're stone cold prehistoric.

12-16: Set your sites on Springfield, U.S.A.

17-21: Welcome to the Jet set.



We've been getting tons of letters from readers who want to know all the details about life in Hollywood. Here's our special behind-the-scenes report, direct from entertainment editor Liz Smith.

Robert Piersanti (illustrations pages 40-45)



Do you get to meet the stars in person?

I'd like to! But sometimes the actors live too far away for me to interview them in person, or they're busy and we have to talk on the phone. I did meet George Clooney and Chris O'Donnell for D.A.'s *Batman & Robin* cover story, and they were a hoot! They teased me by telling exaggerated stories, which I believed! Like, George told me that he sprained

his ankle jumping 300 feet for a stunt. I completely believed it, and then he and Chris both started laughing. (He actually hurt his ankle playing basketball.)

I've met Jonathan Taylor Thomas at least six times for different D.A. stories. One time I went to Alabama to interview him about *Tom and Huck*.

One of my favorite trips was flying to the Bahamas to hang out with Elijah Wood when he was filming *Flipper*. He's one of my fave celebs—he's funny, smart and a great talker—and having breakfast with him (pancakes) was a big treat.

Even if I don't get to meet a star in person, a phone interview can be a lot of fun. Kevin Sorbo called me from New Zealand to talk about his "Hercules" TV show and his movie, *Kull the Conqueror*. We ended up chatting for about 45 minutes about all kinds of stuff, like politics and U.S. news.

What's the nicest thing a celebrity has done for you?

Call me back! After waiting four years to interview Robin Williams, I finally landed some time with him. He was supposed to phone me at 3:30—and he did, right on the dot. But wouldn't ya know—my tape recorder didn't work! It was the most embarrassing moment of my career. He realized I was flustered and offered to call me back in a few minutes. I thought I'd blown my big chance. But he did call back, my recorder worked the second time around, and we talked for at least 30 minutes. Well, "talk" doesn't quite describe an interview with Robin Williams. He answers questions by singing, doing impersonations and telling jokes—it's like having your own personal stand-up comedy show!

Do TV stars from the same show hang out together?

Definitely. Jonathan Taylor Thomas, Zachery Ty Bryan and Taran Noah Smith often shoot hoops during breaks from filming "Home Improvement." There's even a basketball court at the studio for them to play on.

Two years ago, Lacey Chabert's co-stars from "Party of Five" threw a surprise party for her 13th birthday. It was held on the show's set in Salinger's restaurant. The producers asked her to come to work, even though it was her day off, and she was a little bummed. Then she walked on the set and everyone screamed "Surprise!" Later, when Lacey was cutting the cake, she and Scott Wolf (Bailey) started goofing around and smooshed cake into each other's faces!

What is the studio lot?

That's what Hollywood insiders call the area where movie studios are located. It includes office buildings, soundstages (where TV shows are taped and movies are filmed) and a cafeteria (called "the commissary").

The lot also has a backlot with fake buildings that moviemakers use in filming. For example, the Warner Bros. backlot features a complete Western town. And you'll also find a New York City street, complete with apartment buildings, garbage cans and graffiti. After strolling through that area, you can head into Metropolis, which features the Daily Planet office from TV's "Lois & Clark: The New Adventures of Superman." Studio lots are so big that lots of employees drive golf carts to get around.



Does the commissary look super cool?

No, most of the studio commissaries look pretty much like your school cafeteria—but you do see some cool people chowing down there! When



stars film a movie or tape a TV show on the lot, they will often eat at the commissary. I've often seen the actors from "Friends" and "Family Matters" at the Warner Bros. commissary. When Christine Taylor

and Jennifer Cox were filming *The Brady Bunch* movie, they ate at the Paramount commissary—and once they sat down right next to a bunch of Klingons from "Star Trek." Whatta sight!



Can I visit the lot?

No, studio lots are closed to the public. If you don't work there, the only way to get past the security guards is to know someone who works there and have them leave a pass for you. That's why it's so cool to go on the lot—you get a peek at behind-the-scenes stuff that most people never see.

Are the studio security guards tough?

You bet! You don't want to mess with them. One time I drove onto a studio lot

(I'm not going to say which one) and accidentally hit a pole by the guard shack. When I started to move my car out of the way of traffic, the guards hopped in their golf cart and chased me because they thought I was trying to get away. (Everything turned out fine.)

Security has tightened since the summer of 1965, when a young Steven Spielberg snuck onto the Universal Studios lot. Steven wore a suit and tie and acted as if he worked there—and managed to walk right past the security guards! He found a vacant office and



went there regularly, making phone calls and asking Universal executives to watch his films until one of them offered him a contract to direct a TV series. The rest is history. But unless you're as clever as Spielberg, don't try to sneak onto a studio lot.

What's the best part of your job?

One of the best things is that I get to see movies for free! Every week, I'm invited to about two press screenings (that's a special showing of a movie

before it appears in theaters). Sometimes I even get to go to premieres—that's when all the stars who are in the movie and lots of their celebrity friends show up. As if that's not enough, the studio also throws a big party after the movie with dancing, tons of great food and a goodie bag (a little bag filled with presents related to the movie, like T-shirts and CDs) that's handed out to guests as they leave.

How can I get your job?

Whoa, I'm not ready to retire yet! But if you want to be an entertainment writer, I suggest studying journalism and English in college. Then try to get a job—any job—at a newspaper or magazine after graduation. When DISNEY ADVENTURES started in October 1990, I was hired to work in the photo department (it was the only position available when I applied). I started writing more and more stories, until—ta-da!—I landed my dream job as entertainment editor.

Let me know if you enjoyed this special section of "Ask Liz." And send any entertainment questions to:

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If you want me to print your question, fill out the form on page 76 and send it with your letter. Thanks!

Called by an Angel: "I've called some fans on the telephone," says David Boreanaz, also known as vampire guy Angel. "They don't believe it's me sometimes. They're like, 'Who? What? Come on, who is this on the other end?' And then I refer to their letters and they trip out."

Once a Slayer, Always a Slayer: When a vampire at Knott's Berry Farm's Halloween Haunt jumped out to scare her, Sarah Michelle Gellar karate-chopped him! (She's a brown belt in Tae Kwon Do.) "I had to explain to the poor guy that I had been working until 5 a.m.," she says.

True Toy Stories: "I'm slightly obsessed with the movie *Toy Story*," says Alyson Hannigan, who plays Willow. "When I was a kid, I would spend hours trying to sneak up on my toys because I knew they had secret lives. I was determined to catch them in the act, but I never did."

Getting in Character: Anthony Stewart Head, who plays Giles, puts mothballs in his pockets when he's filming a scene. The smell helps him get into that librarian state of mind.

THE

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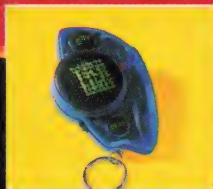


By Kim Lockhart

"Buffy the Vampire Slayer" is taking a bite out of Tuesday-night TV. And, while the creepy-cool cast may not look it, they couldn't be happier—really! Here's a peek behind the screams at their real lives on and off the set.

Xander Times Two: Think you just saw Nicholas Brendon (a.k.a. Xander) walking down the street? Don't be so sure—Nicholas has an identical twin brother, Kelly, whom fans often mistake for him.

Where'd She Get That Name? "Charisma was a smelly, tacky bottle of '70s perfume," says Charisma Carpenter. "My mother thought the perfume was gross, but liked the name." Joss Whedon, the show's creator, named her character, Cordelia, after a mean girl who went to school with his wife.



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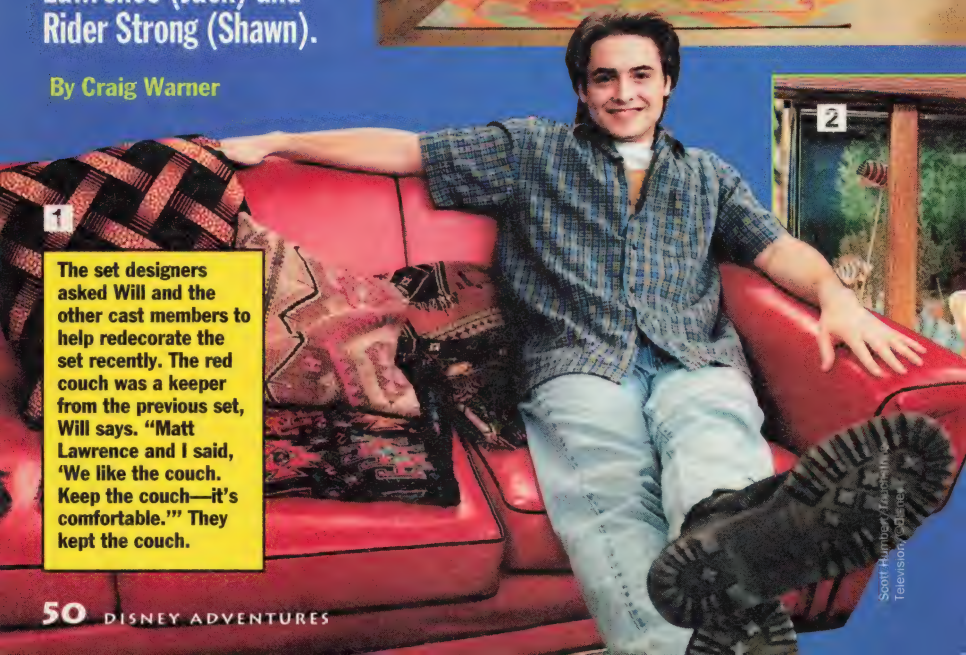


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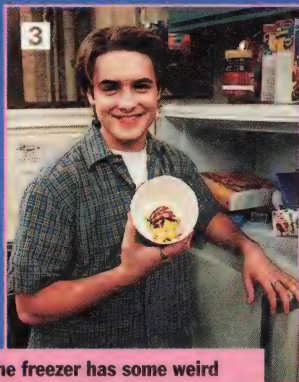
An oversize basketball, a refrigerator that smells like mothballs and an oven that doesn't work. These are just a few of the funny things you'll find in Apartment 3E on the set of "Boy Meets World." Will Friedle, who plays Eric Matthews, was cool enough to give us a tour of the set he shares with Matthew Lawrence (Jack) and Rider Strong (Shawn).

By Craig Warner

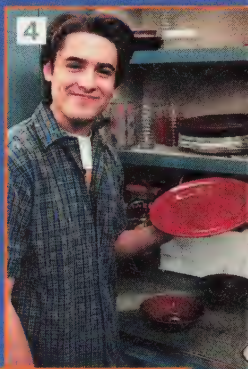


The set designers asked Will and the other cast members to help redecorate the set recently. The red couch was a keeper from the previous set, Will says. "Matt Lawrence and I said, 'We like the couch. Keep the couch—it's comfortable.'" They kept the couch.

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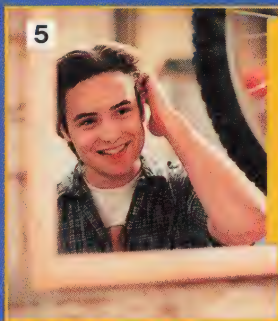
The freezer has some weird stuff in it! "We put our cereal with our ice cream," admits Will. But there's not really ice cream in those containers—the set designers keep extra refrigerator magnets hidden in them.



"You want to know something really scary?" asks Will. "These are the same plates I have at home. Total coincidence."



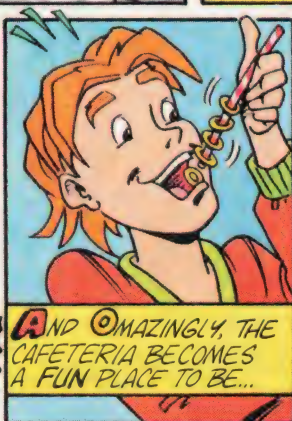
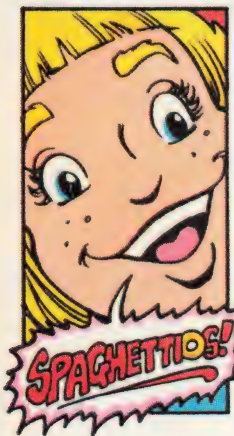
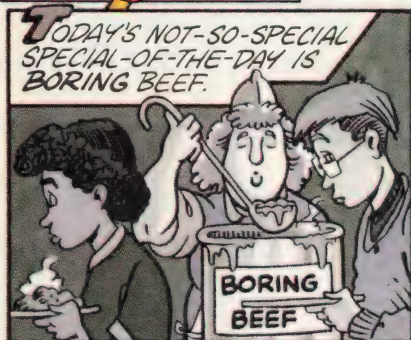
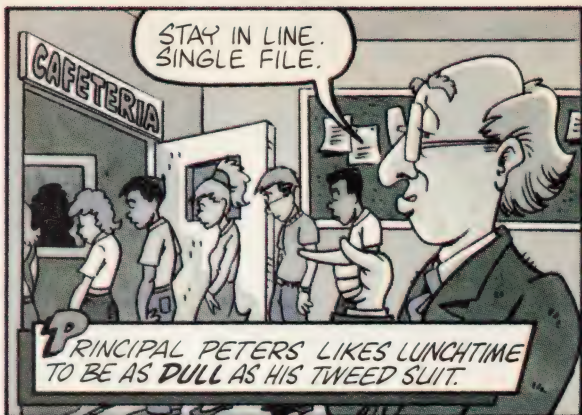
If you look closely, you'll see the fish in this tank aren't the fastest swimmers in the world. In fact, they don't even move! The fish are fake, making this "the easiest fish tank to maintain on the planet," Will jokes. No wonder it's his favorite thing on the set.



"The prop we've used the most is the mirror," Will says. "In every episode where I have to start walking from upstairs, I stop to check myself out in the mirror. The set designers actually took it down for an episode and I had them put it back because it's just so perfect for my character."



You're a huge "Boy Meets World" fan if you recognize this oven. "That's the oven from Shawn's old house at the trailer park," says Will. "They just moved it to this set."



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Extreme Entertainment

Gravity-defying athletes put on a show

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Extreme Team

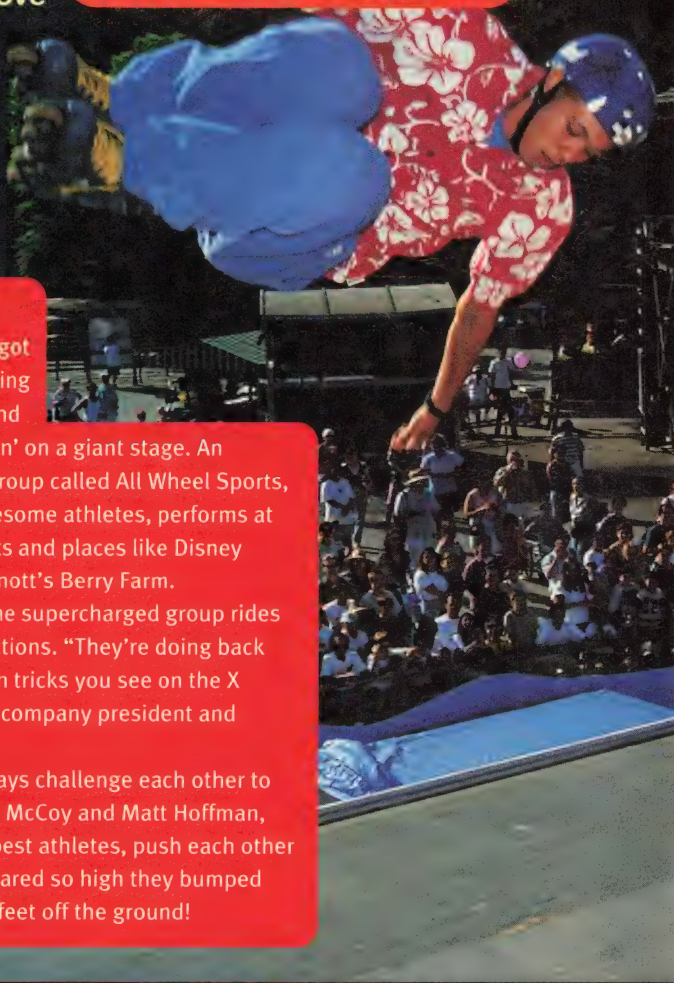
If you dig the superstunts at the X Games, you'll love these high-flying extreme performers.

By Colleen O'Connor

Move over, marching band, halftime just got more exciting. We're talking about bikers, boarders and bladers thrillin' and spillin' on a giant stage. An extreme entertainment group called All Wheel Sports, made up of about 30 awesome athletes, performs at lots of pro sporting events and places like Disney World, Disneyland and Knott's Berry Farm.

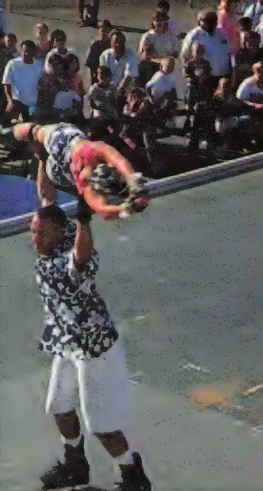
With music blasting, the supercharged group rides onstage in different directions. "They're doing back flips and all the big action tricks you see on the X Games," says Jill Schulz, company president and blading whiz.

All Wheel athletes always challenge each other to nail harder tricks. Dennis McCoy and Matt Hoffman, two of extreme biking's best athletes, push each other to the limit. Once they soared so high they bumped the overhead lights—40 feet off the ground!





Superstunts include 100-foot jumps and blading on stilts.



The All Wheel Sports team performs about 400 shows a year.

The Real McCoy

Extreme performer Dennis McCoy has won 10 national titles as a BMX stunt rider. D.A. caught up with the 31-year-old daredevil for a quick chat.

What's your favorite trick?

"Pulling a 900, where you spin two-and-a-half times on the vert ramp [a half pipe]. You see a lot of 540s, which is a one-and-a-half spin. But if I tried to do ten 900s, I might crash half of them. It's a make-or-break trick. You pull it—or fall hard."

Do you get scared?

"Not really. You're too pumped up. But in practice, sometimes you get nervous about trying a new trick. So you start smaller, and progress up. If you want to do a double bar spin on the vert ramp, maybe you start with a half bar spin on a dirt jump."

What advice would you give to someone who'd like your job someday?

"You need to experiment with all types of riding—flat land, vert, dirt jumping and street [which uses lots of ramps]. There might be one type that doesn't appeal to you, but then you find it's a lot more fun than you thought."

Biking daredevil
Dennis McCoy

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Four-Legged Race

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Welcome to the Iditarod, the biggest and wildest sled dog race in America.

By Cris Beam



For about two weeks every March, Alaska goes to the dogs—more than 1,000 of them, actually. That's when teams of Alaskan huskies and their mushers brave the harsh winter weather to race 1,150 miles from Anchorage to Nome. Race director Joanne Potts gave us these Iditarod bones to chew on.

There's no place like Nome

Started in 1973, the Iditarod was inspired by a dog team that saved Nome from a 1925 epidemic by rushing in medicine from a faraway town.

dog or pig?

After all that running, Iditarod huskies get hungry. They usually chow down about 10 pounds of meat each day. (Burp.)

Don't eat yellow snow!

During a speech by winning musher Martin Buser a few years ago, his lead dog peed on the trophy! Buser's response? That's OK—it's his trophy anyway."



Mush!



Little BIG Man



The Mighty Ducks' Paul Kariya may be small, but his on-ice heroics are big news.

Kariya has become an all-star juggler, too.

Surrounded by the NHL's big bruisers, Paul Kariya—at only 5 feet 11 inches, 175 pounds—may look like a sitting duck. But this left winger has a secret weapon: super skating skills! Oh sure, he can score.

following year. Everyone wants to grab a stick and go play right away, but until you get your skating basics behind you, it's very difficult."

Have you ever lost a tooth in a game?

"Yes. My four front bottom teeth had to be replaced. I got hit under my lip with a hockey stick."

We hear you're quite a good juggler. How did you learn?

"I just picked it up from a book one of my college coaches told me about: *Lessons From the Art of Juggling*. Juggling is really good for your hand-eye coordination and relaxation."



This Mighty Duck has some mighty cool moves.

In fact, he's Anaheim's single-season scoring leader. But Paul says top-notch skating is the key to his all-star success.

How old were you when you started skating?

"I was 4. I figure skated and power skated for one year, then I got into hockey the

Who's the hardest goalie for you to score against?

"To tell you the truth, I don't really pay attention to who's playing goal. I think if I'm putting my shot in the right place, then I'm gonna get my goals."

—KIM LOCKHART

William Livingston (top right); Glenn Gratty/Allsport (left); Sports Wide Photos (opposite page, main image); Dave Kubo/Sports Illustrated (opposite page, inset)



The Hockey Stop

Paul is no big guy, so he relies on smarts and awesome skating to deal with bigger opponents.

"What's helped me play at this level is my skating ability," he says. That includes putting on the brakes. A cool hockey stop (where ice flakes go flying everywhere) is similar to a skiing stop. "You put your feet together, almost jump in the air and put yourself sideways to the way you're going, using your blade edges and outside skate to stop." Sounds easy, huh? Only lots of practice will enable you to perfect your hockey stop.

BEST MOVES

Superstitions:

"I get dressed the same way every game, and I'm always the last one out on the ice."



A Sneak Peek at History

Imagine life without sneakers. Impossible, right? Lots of ideas, both good and bad, went into creating those comfy, cool shoes you just can't live without. Check out the wackiest—and coolest—sneaker inventions of all time.

—GEOFF WILLIAMS

1868

Canvas uppers with laces are added to rubber soles to create the first sport shoe. Really bad shoe odor soon follows.

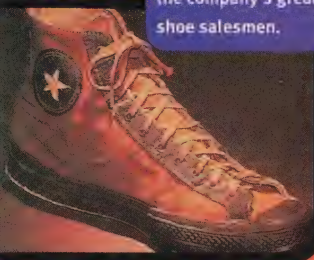


1900

New track shoes with spikes provide traction on gravel and loose surfaces. Reaching the finish line becomes more competitive.

1917

Converse comes out with its All Star basketball shoe, later named after Chuck Taylor, a young basketball star who eventually became one of the company's greatest shoe salesmen.



1972

A track coach puts rubber in his waffle iron as an experiment. He creates soles that are lighter than most breakfast foods—and they provide great traction. Lucky for us, he went on to co-found Nike instead of opening a diner.

1966

Skateboarders go for shoes with sticky, gumlike soles. They cost a whopping \$5 a pair.

1998

Experts predict the sneakers of the future will be "smart." Sensors built into the shoe will actually calculate how far and fast you're moving!

1992

Sneakers light up our lives with flashing bulbs inside the heels. Moms still make kids come in after dark.



1989

The Pump allows wearers to inflate the sneaker's tongue for a better fit. It improves a player's game—and gives him something to do while sitting on the bench.



1984

Air Jordans, named after you-know-who, become big-time sellers. The NBA bans the red and black shoe because white is the regulation color.



1975

The first celebrity endorsement of a sneaker: Julius Erving, known for his rim-rattling slam dunks, appears in commercials for a shoe called the Dr. J.



1979

Air technology—gas-filled bags inside sneaker heels—helps cushion impact, giving "walking on air" new meaning.

What's in a Name?

Check out what your sneaks *really* stand for.

Nike: The Greek goddess of victory.

Reebok: Named after a fast African gazelle.

Adidas: A combination of German sneaker-maker Adi Dassler's first name and the first three letters of his last name.

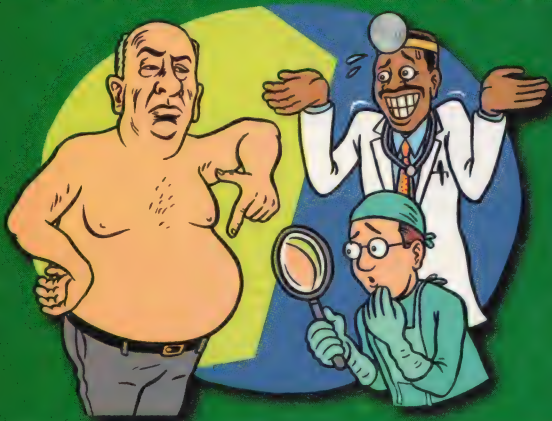
WEIRD YET TRUE

Bicycle Brigade

In 1897, the **U.S. Army** tested whether **soldiers** should use bikes instead of horses for **military** maneuvers. Although **bikes** were cheaper, quieter and didn't need to be **fed**, the two-wheelers got two thumbs **down**.



Are You an Innie, an Outie or a Gone-y?!



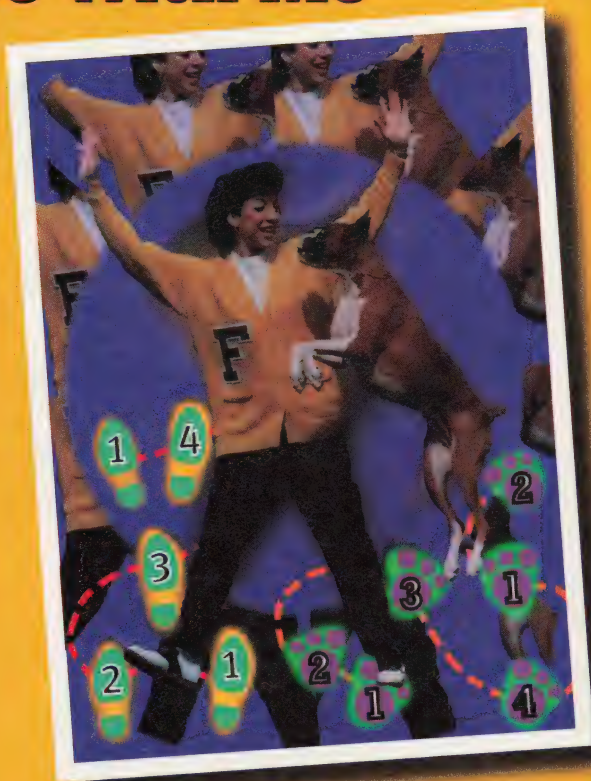
Legendary **movie** director **Alfred Hitchcock** didn't have a **belly button**. It **disappeared** after a **surgeon** did one **nip** and **tuck** too **many**!

Wendy Suttner

Mice have been

"Fido, Put Down That Bone and Dance With Me"

Would you be caught **cha-cha-cha-ing** with your **chow?** In freestyle **dancing**, pet owners and their **pooches** get **down** together to the **beat** of their favorite **tunes**.



—Column by Sheila De La Rosa

except yellow and green.

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COOL STUFF

Your gotta-have-it guide

Toy Wonder



Talk about a super collector! Jason Marsden (also known as Rich Halke on "Step by Step") has a *huuuuuge* collection of movie, television and animation memorabilia. "It's like a museum. I even charge admission to my house now," he jokes. Jason gave D.A. a free tour *and* the scoop on all his cool stuff.

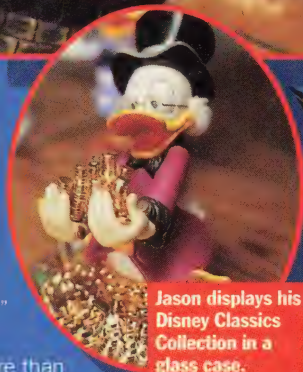
How it all began: Jason got bit by the collecting bug 12 years ago, after his first trip to Disneyland.

The stuff: His collection includes everything from drawings, figurines and action figures to spoons, thimbles and buttons. Batman and Disney-themed collectibles take up the most space, but we also found stuff from *Dragonheart*, *Jurassic Park*, *The Nightmare Before Christmas*, "SeaQuest DSV," "Star Trek," *Star Wars* and *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles*.

Total pieces in the collection: "Probably more than 1,000," Jason says.

Favorite action figures: "The Batman figures are very finely detailed and the most fun to look at," Jason says. He likes *Star Wars* figures, too. "I had quite a collection of them," he says. "Every week my grandfather would buy me one at the supermarket. But my grandmother threw them all out. Can you believe that?"


Most prized collectible: A collection of drawings sketched especially for Jason by Disney animators. "The animators come to tapings of the show sometimes and I would always say, 'Hey, you can come down as long as you bring me a drawing.'"



Jason displays his Disney Classics Collection in a glass case. Scrooge is one of Jason's favorite characters (and figures); while Maleficent's figure captures her evil essence.



—Kim Lockhart



Holy Bat models! Jason made these cool Penguin, Batman and Joker figures from model kits. "The Joker is the first model I ever put together," he says. "I still have Catwoman and Riddler kits that I haven't even started on."

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Stanton Frost for Oboler/Photo

Virtual Racers, St

Rev up for spring with fast-moving racing games. Vrooooooooooom!

Real-life race car drivers blow by each other at speeds higher than 120 miles per hour. But you don't need a license to get in on the action. The newest racing games are more realistic than ever—and we've been burning up the tracks to bring you the hottest ones. So take a spin with us and see for yourself.

Diddy Kong Racing (Nintendo 64)

Control cars, hovercrafts and airplanes driven by your favorite Nintendo characters. The cartoonlike graphics and huge assortment of long, curvy tracks offer plenty of fun for up to four players simultaneously.



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Start Your Engines

Formula 1 Championship Edition (PlayStation/PC)

This game features real-life cars, tracks and drivers—plus stats from the 1997 racing season. Your decisions about your car's suspension, tires, brakes and transmission all affect performance. You can even race in bad weather!

Nascar 98 (PlayStation/Saturn)

You're a stock car star when you take the controls from one of 24 top Nascar racers. Enjoy a driver's eye view while speeding around one of nine road tracks and eight oval tracks. Those sound effects you hear were recorded from real-life action!



San Francisco Rush

(Nintendo 64/PlayStation)

Feel the rush of fast-paced, in-your-face, arcade-style action as you speed through San Francisco streets. First, you can fully customize your car. Then you cruise around finding short cuts to the finish line.

Sega Touring Car Championship

(Saturn/PC)

Choose from several high-performance sports cars—like an Alfa Romeo 155 V6T, AMG Mercedes C-Class or a Toyota Supra. Then zoom around one of three circuit tracks.

On Track With the Andrettis

Formula One and Indy Car champion Mario Andretti heads up one of the best-known families in car racing. Mario and sons Jeff and Michael helped programmers test-drive the new Andretti Racing game (PlayStation/Saturn/PC). Check out their racing tips.

- Take care of your car.

If you hit something, you can damage a tire—or your car!

- Make smart pit stops.

If your speed starts slipping, head for the pits to refuel and make quick repairs.

- Power slide through sharp turns.

To shave seconds off your time, skid around turns and tap the brakes only to maintain control.

—Jason R. Rich

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Excess Baggage

Daredevil Dan, the biking stuntman, will cycle through anything! Find these extra things he's picked up: pencil, fish, alarm clock, flute, basketball, baseball cap, pizza slice, sandwich, fork.

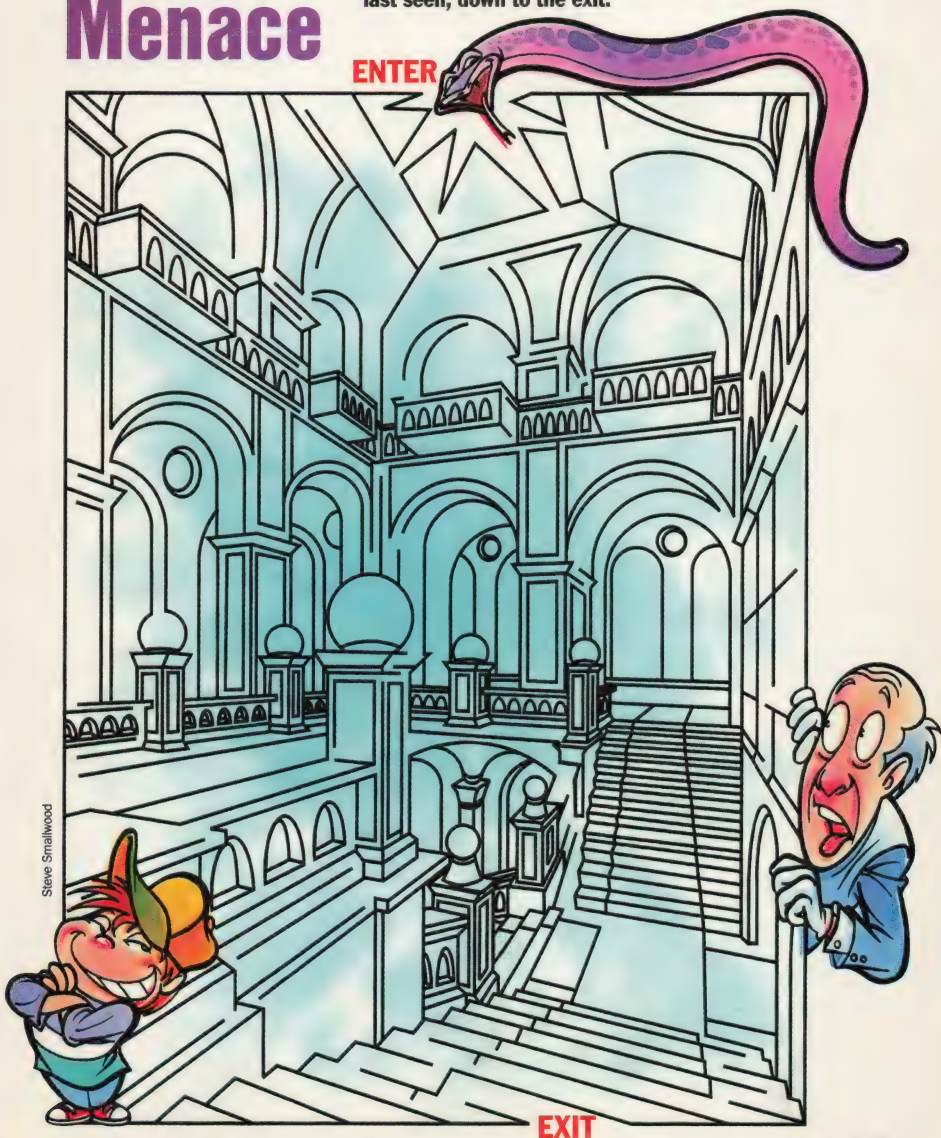


Robert Piersanti

Mansion Menace

Oh, no! Wesley's pet python has escaped, and Jeeves the Butler is worried. Calm his fears by tracing a path for the roaming reptile from the skylight, where it was last seen, down to the exit.

ENTER



Steve Smallwood

EXIT

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Heads, you lose!

Can you work your way through this maze of dangerous animals? Warning: You must enter any den you wish to pass through from the tail end. If you enter from the head end, you'll be lunch!



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HAUNTED MANSION FOUND FREE IN EACH HONEYCOMB! BOX OF POST HONEYCOMB!

Who the
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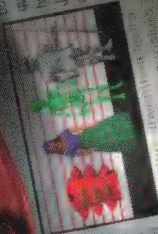
KIDS ENCOURAGED TO USE MANSION TO CATCH "THE HONEYCOMB HEISTER"

In a case that's been plaguing the city for months, the Post Police have turned to kids for help. Post Officer Becky Robb had this to say, "We're hoping kids will use the one free Haunted Mansion found in each specially marked box of Post Honeycomb."



FOUR SUSPECTS QUESTIONED IN HONEYCOMB HEIST

Four suspects have been interrogated but so far no one's talking, especially not the one who apparently took the box. However, Post Inspector Jim Sullivan revealed yesterday that the discovery of two "clue cards" in each marked box of Honeycomb may be an important break in the case. Experts agree and suggest that using these cards along with the Haunted Mansion, is the way to catch the creep who took the Honeycomb.



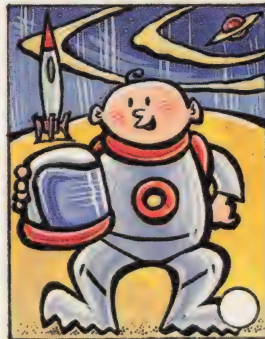
Clue Cards May Help Place Suspect At Scene Of Crime

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First kid in space

Our cartoonist has drawn the story of Space Boy, the first kid in outer space. But his drawings have gotten mixed up. Help us arrange this toon in the proper sequence by numbering each of the nine panels as they should appear to tell the story.



Robert Piersanti

TOTALLY TONGUE-TIED TWISTER!

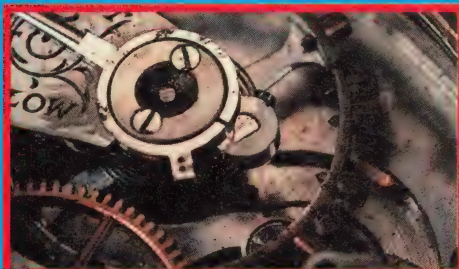
Each of the pictures below can be described in two words, each beginning with the letter T. Can you fill in the blanks and get all ten? We did the first one to get you started.



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Eye Bogglers

Can you recognize these common items this close up? Try to figure out what they are, and put your answers in the boxes.



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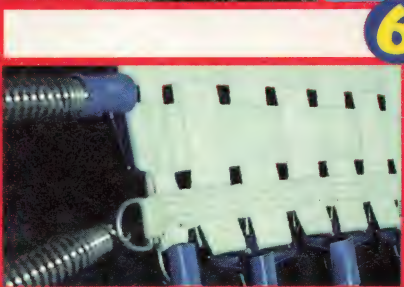
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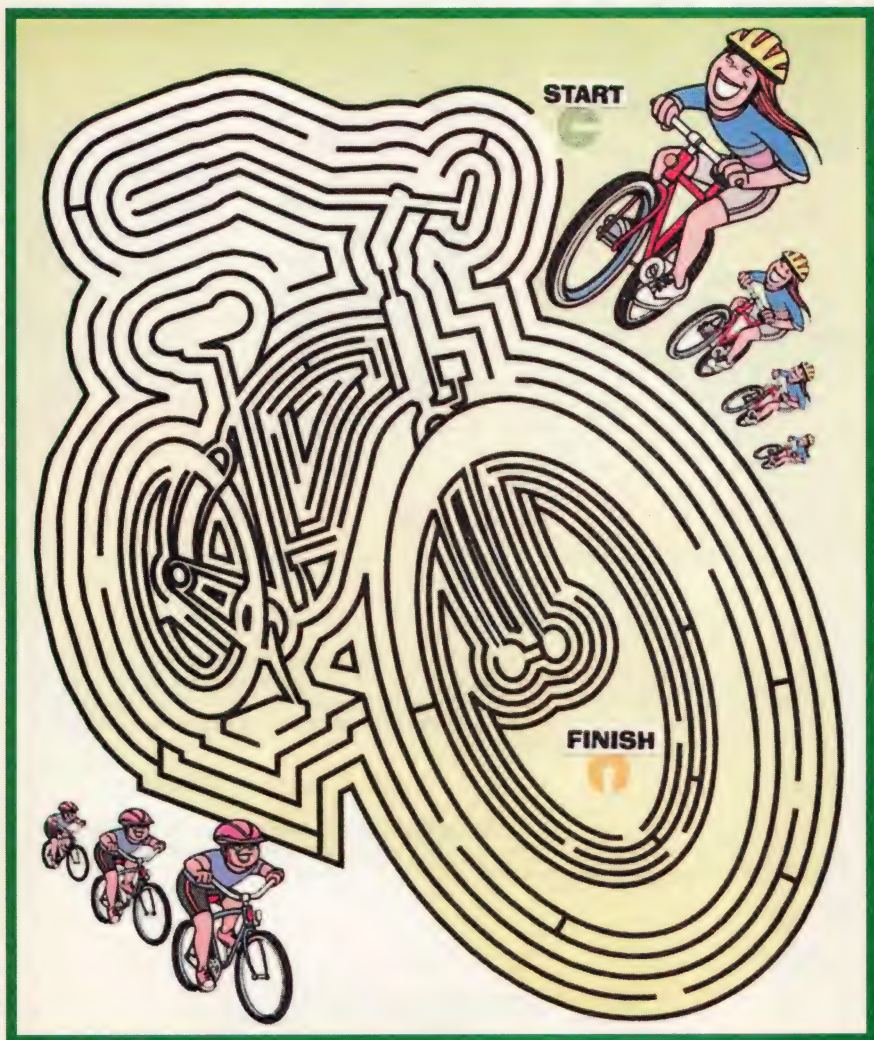
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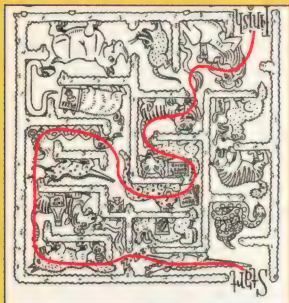
Cycling Challenge

Test your cycling skills as you maneuver the twists and turns of this demanding bike trail maze from start to finish.



Steve Smallwood

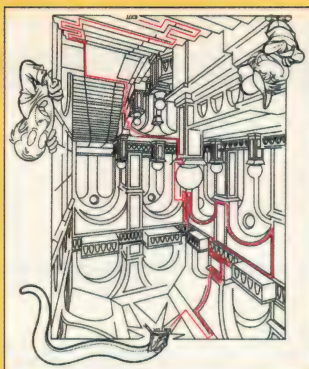
ANSWERS



HEADS YOU LOSE

1. Torn Ticket
2. Toucan Teeth
3. Toad Tongue
4. Tiger Tail
5. Taramula Taco
6. Tomato Thermometer
7. Tyrannosaurus Tattoo
8. Turtle Toilet
9. Test Tube
10. Tulip Toaster

TWISTER

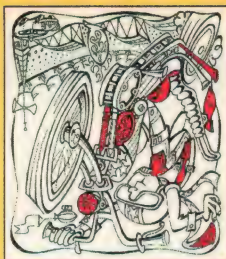


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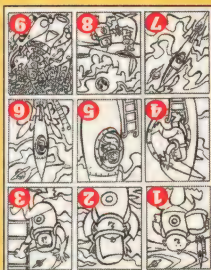


1. Pocketwatch movements
2. Softball
3. Pinball machine
4. Two nails
5. Pencils
6. Trampoline

EYE BOGLERS



EXCESS BAGGAGE



FIRST KID IN SPACE

CYCLING CHALLENGE

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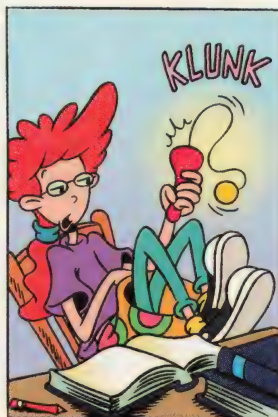
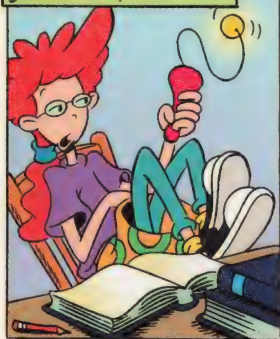
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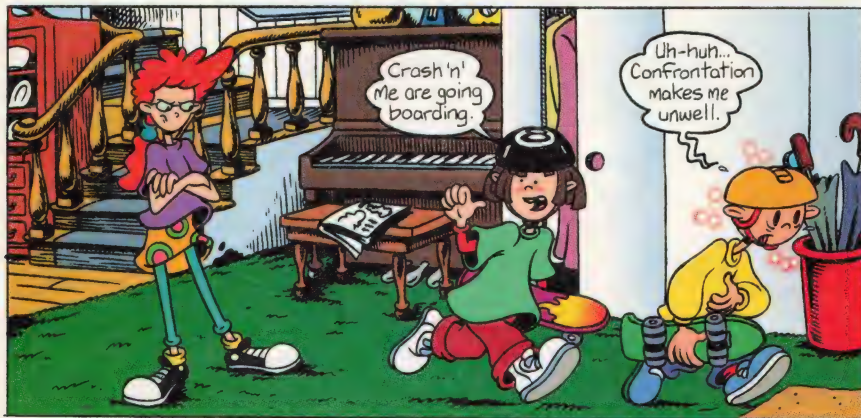
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DR. EXPLODO'S CLOSET!

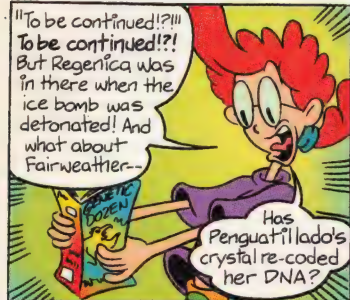
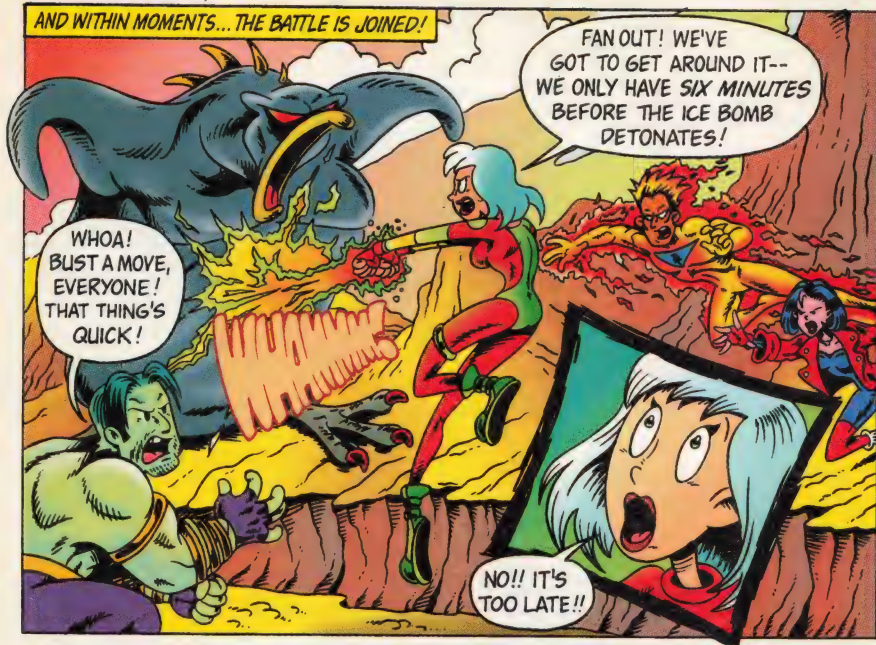


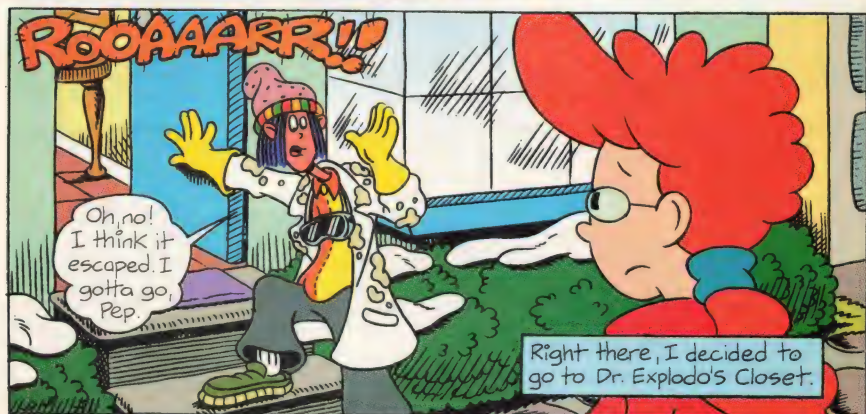
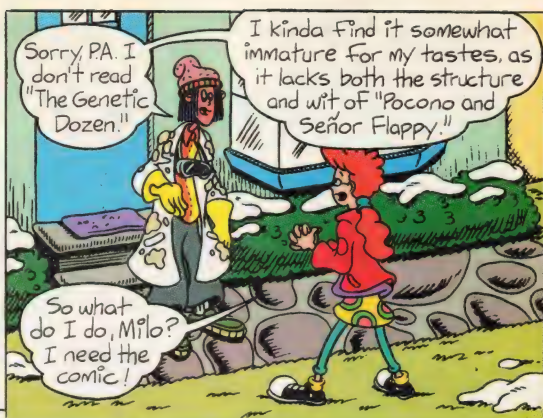
It all started one day
after school, while I
jammed on my homework.





AND WITHIN MOMENTS... THE BATTLE IS JOINED!

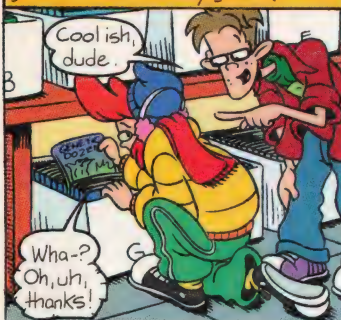




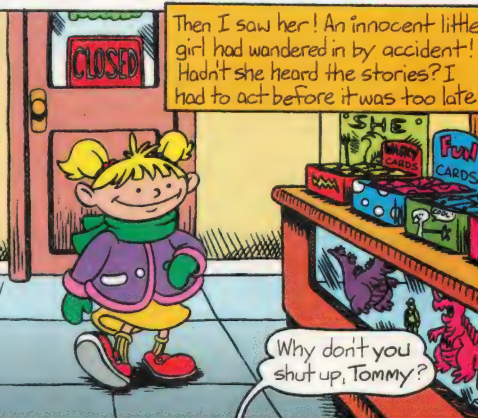


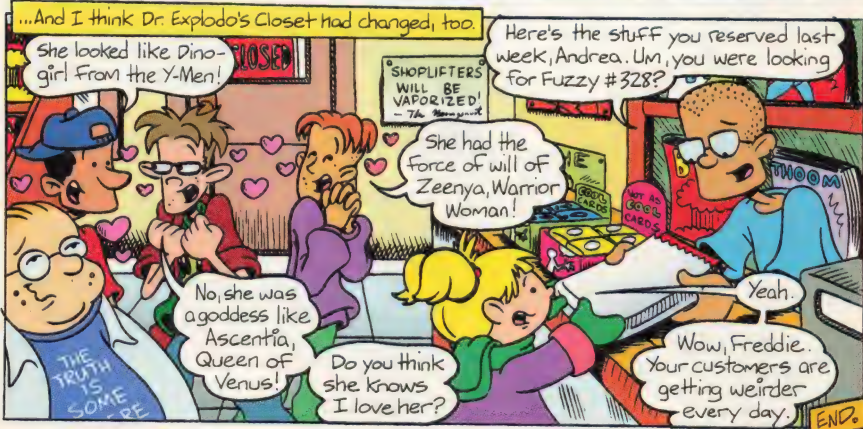
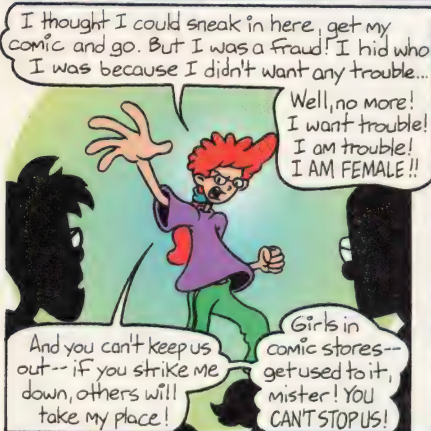


My heart was pounding, my head was swimming, but somehow I found my way to the comic I wanted. I was just about to make my getaway when...



I had successfully sneaked into their little clubhouse -- they were accepting me as one of their own!





Captain BLAMMO!

VERSUS

TOXO the BEAR

GONE FISSION

TREMBLE
CITY SHAKES
AS TOXO and
BLAMMO HAVE
THEIR
GREATEST
BATTLE EVER!



BACK OFF, BLAMMO!
GET READY FOR MY
NEXT MOVE!



I'M GONNA DETONATE
THE BOMB-O-MATIC
ROBOT SUPREME
NUCLEAR INCENDIARY
DEVICE!



WHOA! SLOW
DOWN, TOXO!



THIS WHOLE THING
HAS BECOME WAY TOO
STRESSFUL. WHY DON'T
WE TAKE THE REST OF
THE WEEK OFF AND GET
A FRESH START ON
MONDAY, HMM?



MAYBE YOU'RE
RIGHT. SURE...
OKAY.



APRIL FOOL'S!!



END

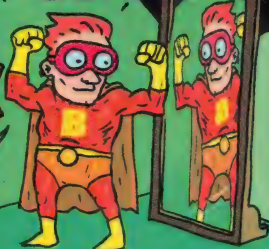
captain BLAMMO!

versus

TOXO the BEAR

in REVERSE PSYCHOLOGY

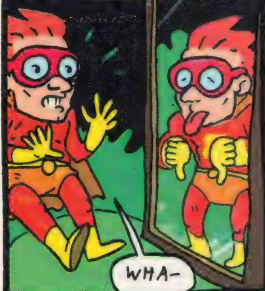
MIRROR,
MIRROR ON
THE WALL...



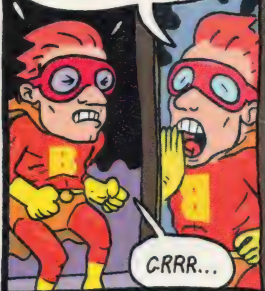
TELL ME ABOUT
MY BEAUTIFUL
BICEPS!



WHAT?! THOSE
FLABBY THINGS?
SORRY, I CAN'T LIE
ABOUT 'EM.



YOU'D MAKE ME
LAUGH, BUT LOOKING
AT YOU JUST MAKES
ME YAWN.



HA-HA!



PULL!



REFLECTING ON THIS,
I REALIZE WHAT A
STINKER I AM!



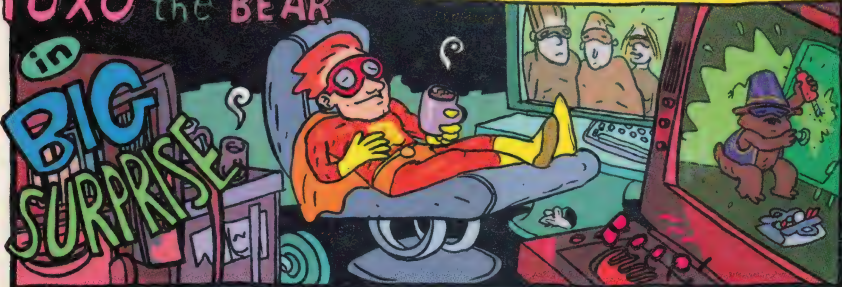
Captain BLAMMO!

versus

TOXO the BEAR

BIG SURPRISE!

DEEP IN BLAMMO HEADQUARTERS, CAPTAIN BLAMMO ENJOYS A NICE CUP OF HOT COCOA (the kind with the little marshmallows, of course)!



JEEPERS- CREEPERS!
TOXO the BEAR IS UP
TO NO GOOD,
AGAIN!



WITHIN MERE
MOMENTS...

STOP YOUR
FOUL DOINGS,
EVIL BEAR!

EEK!
BLAMMO!

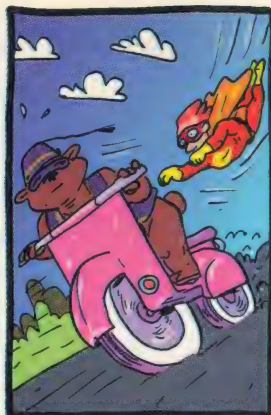


YOU'LL NEVER CATCH
ME! HA HA HA!



COME BACK HERE,
TOXO!





THANKS, TOXO!

END

BONE

FIRE AND BRIMSTONE

BY JEFF SMITH

YOU CAN'T HAVE HIM!

GO AWAY!

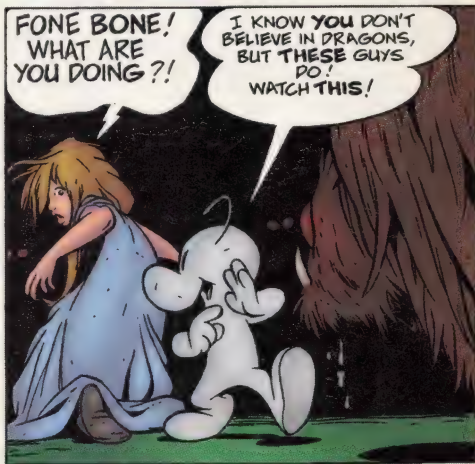
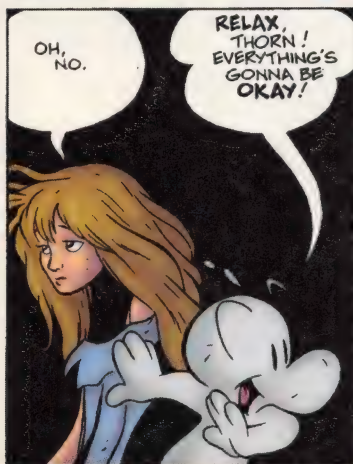
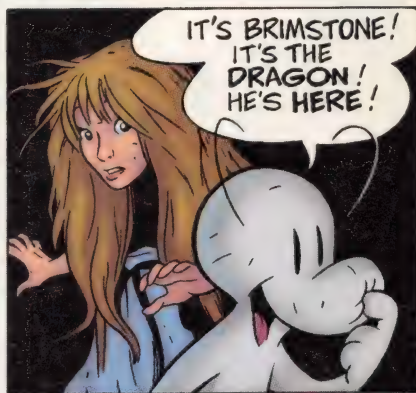
ALONE IN THE DARK FOREST FONE BONE AND THORN ARE SURROUNDED BY RAT CREATURES.

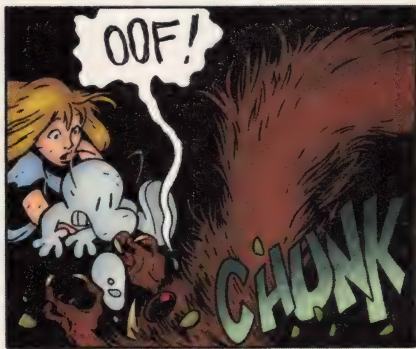
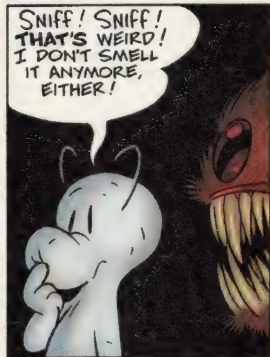
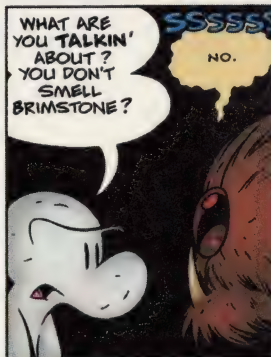
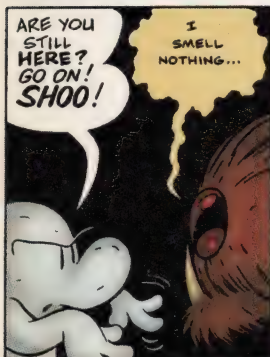
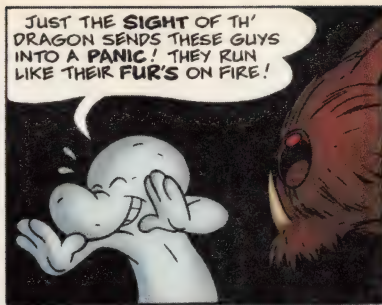
AFTER A TERRIFYING SILENCE, ONE OF THE RAT CREATURES SPEAKS...

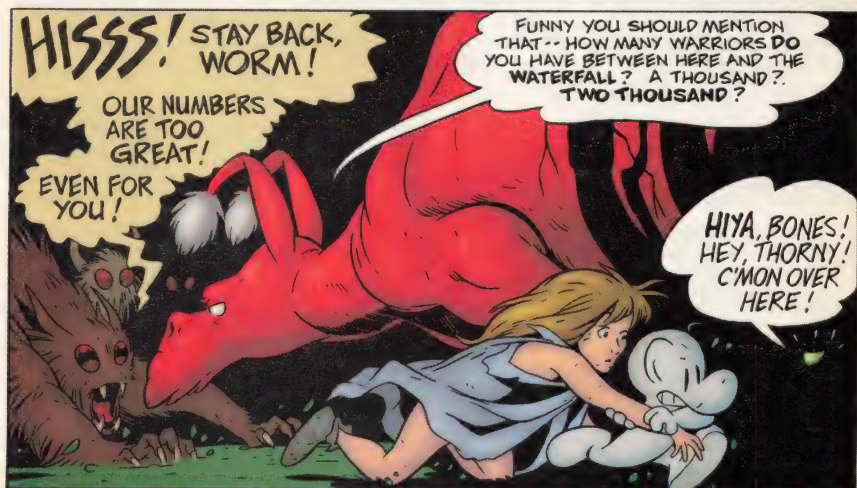
GIVE IT TO US...

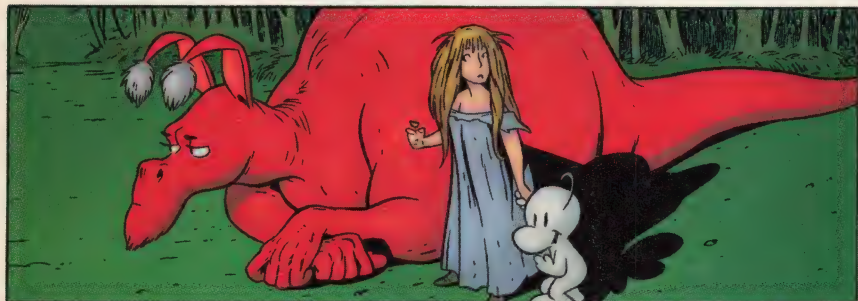
WE WANT THE SMALL CREATURE...

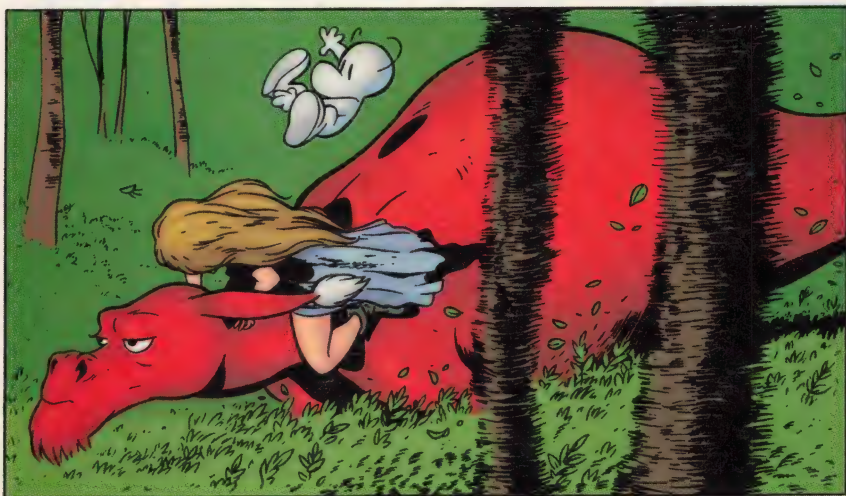
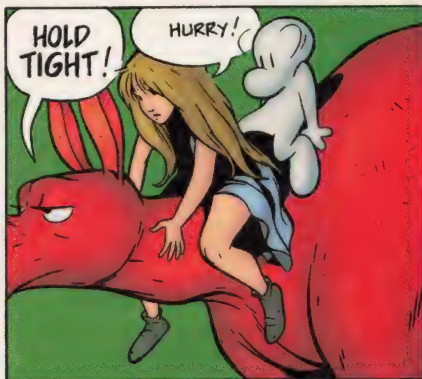
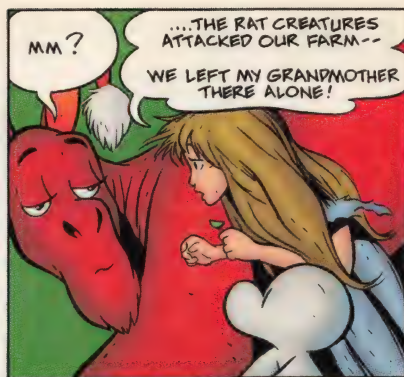
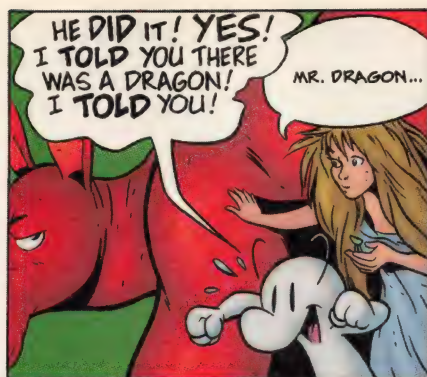


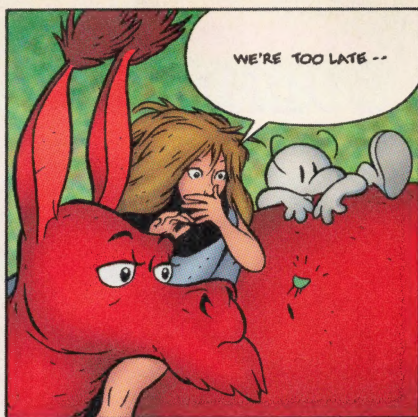
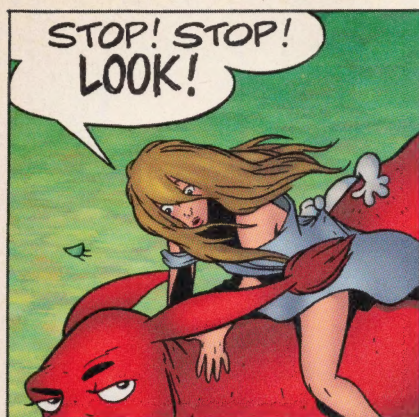












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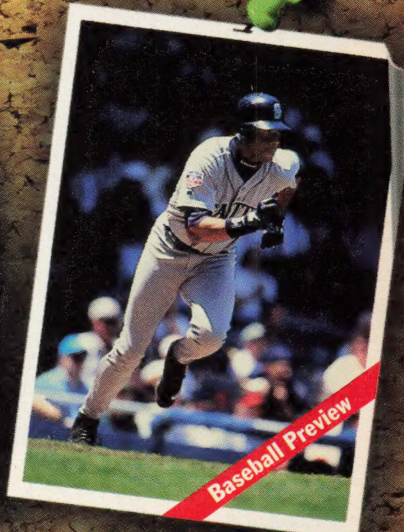
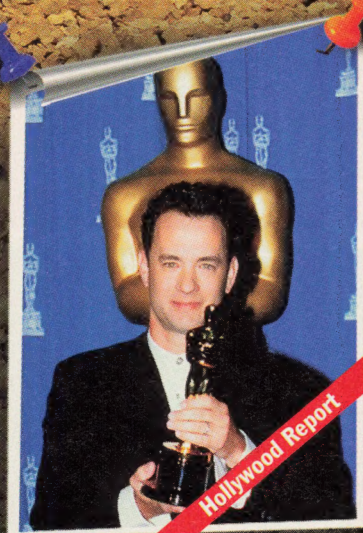
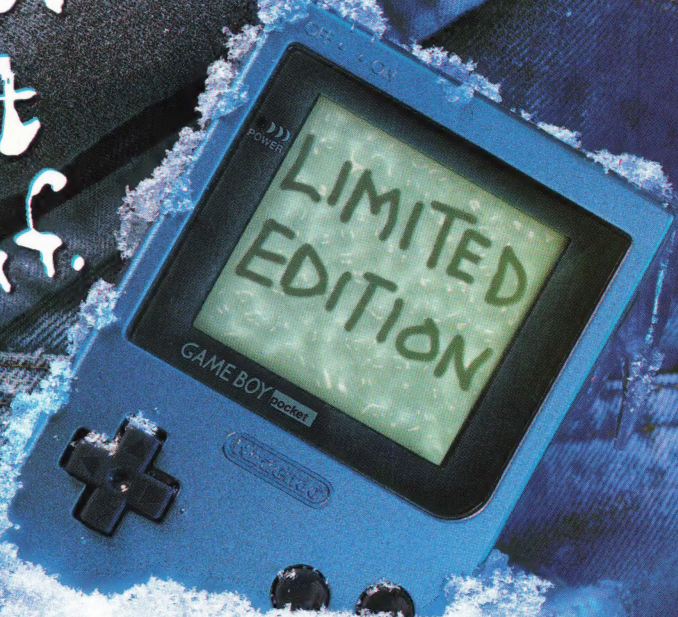


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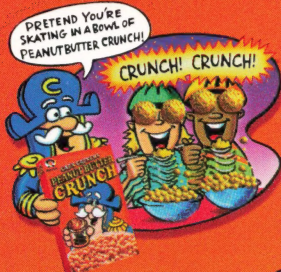
Freeze
Your
Butt
Off.



Ice Blue Color:
The Limited Edition
GAME BOY pocket

Get off your
keister before this
cool offer leaves
you behind.

OUR SKATING WASN'T GOING SO WELL.
THEN THE CAP'N SHOWED UP WITH
HIS AWESOME **PEANUT BUTTER CRUNCH™**
AND GOT US ROLLING!



YOU AND
THE CAP'N
MAKE IT
HAPPEN!!

